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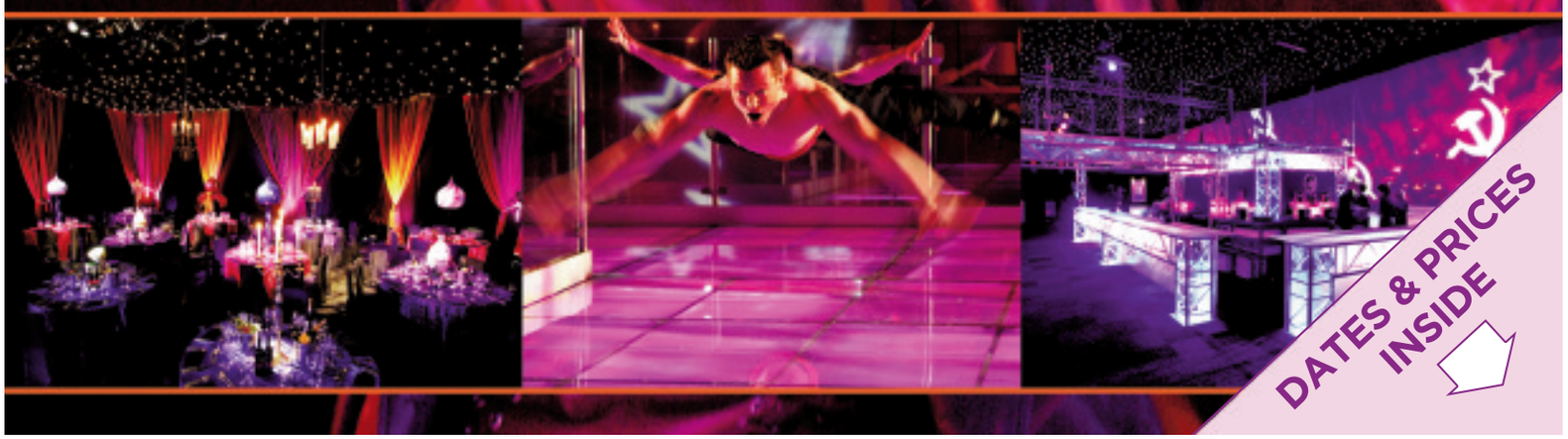

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Council set to axe 600 jobs and save £48 million

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SIX hundred people could be set to lose their jobs with the council over the next three years.

The potential redundancies were announced yesterday as part of plans to save at least £48 million in council processes and services.

As reported in MK NEWS in August, the coalition government is expected to slash funding to local authorities across the country by 25 per cent in their Comprehensive Spending Review on October 20.

Combined with a freeze on council tax, Milton Keynes Council will need to make savings to cover an overall spending deficit of £107 million.

But the figures are just an estimate at this stage with many fearing further cuts and job losses.

As yet the council cannot say where the redundancies will be.

A council statement read: "Milton Keynes Council directly employs 2,500 staff and has a net budget of around £200 million per year providing services for local people.

"A programme has been developed to improve value for money across the council, on top of £10.3 million already saved in the current financial year.

"The council is reviewing current ways of working, and changes will include restructures and service redesign, and increases in charges.

"Service changes may lead to a reduction of 200 posts per year over three years.

"Posts are yet to be identified as the council considers what functions should change or stop. The council's policy is to minimise the need for compulsory redundancies as far as possible, and to redeploy staff where possible."

Councillor Sam Crooks, cabinet member for finance, said the cuts are unavoidable.

He said: "It's a huge task we've been asked to do. The figures confirm what has been announced before. The issue is that we have begun to model the particular changes that will have to be made.

"We are not using redundancies as a weapon as other councils have done. We're going through everything the council does and we will decide about jobs when we decide what functions we're going to carry on with.

"We're looking to redeploy within the council but we're also approaching other employers like Network Rail to tell them there will be people available here when they come.

"We want to handle this as sensitively as we can. We are committed to minimising the impact on the most vulnerable groups and individuals."

The council will be announcing in December what functions it should reduce or stop, and in January residents will be asked to have their say on council priorities and the budget for 2011/12.

A spokesman for UNISON, the public sector workers' union said: "UNISON members are very worried by the announcement from Milton Keynes Council that it intends to make a quarter of posts redundant over the next three years.

"Although we don't know which jobs are going yet, it is inevitable that cuts of this size cannot be absorbed by redeployment or natural turnover.

"We will be working with the council to minimise the effect of these cuts on our members.

"Cuts of this size will also result in major reductions in services to the citizens of Milton Keynes, with some services disappearing altogether.

"Redundancies of this size will also have a knock on effect on the local economy.

"We recognise that the Council is in a difficult position that has been created by the coalition government. The government cuts could lead to a double dip recession and they should be investing in jobs to keep the economy moving."

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Christmas opening for Coachway

THE new Coachway is expected to be open in time for Christmas.

Council cabinet member for transport, Vanessa McPake, said the project would be handed over from the council to the Homes and Communities Agency tomorrow.

This means the external work on the building has now been completed and the internal fittings can now be finished off.

A spokesman for the HCA confirmed the handover is expected to be carried out once all legal documentation has been completed.

A date for its official opening will then be set.

Family's grief for loss of 'caring' Sean

A SEVENTEEN-year-old was found hanged in a multi-storey car park, an inquest heard yesterday.

Sean Davidson, of Caesars Close, Bancroft, was discovered by a security guard on the seventh floor stairwell of the multi-storey car park at Milton Keynes Central railway station at 12.45am on March 20.

Sean's father, Callum Davidson, said: "He was a really pleasant guy. He kept himself to himself.

"I'm gutted. Absolutely gutted."

The court heard how Sean, a fashion, art and design student at Milton Keynes College, had been returning from London, after trying to rekindle a relationship with a 16-year-old boy from Ealing.

The boy had not been answering Sean's calls and texts, so Sean visited him and was told he no longer wanted a relationship.

Mr Davidson then received a call from Sean asking to come home, to which his father agreed.

Sean's mother, Katrina, said she had spoken to her son the day before, and he had sounded happy, and told her he loved her.

She said: "He was a really nice person.

"Really caring. Really considerate.

"That was my son. We've had to wait six months for the inquest and now we just need time to grieve."

The coroner told the court:"He was a young man with his whole life ahead of him, but he died before that life had a chance to take off.

"He was well-loved by his family and well-loved by his friends."

Some of the fun from the event

Cash crisis prompts chop of free festival

A MAJOR free youth music festival has been axed because of a lack of money.

MK4U has been an annual event on the Milton Keynes calendar for the past five years in Campbell Park.

But directors of the MK4U Community Interest Company announced last week at its AGM that next July's event will not be taking place.

Chairman Martin Wakley told the meeting: "It costs us around £14,000 to put on the event, as we have to pay for all the infrastructure, from insurance and security to waste disposal and toilets, and if we have a deficit, then this has to be found from the directors pockets, and we are unpaid volunteers too.

"Funding has been increasingly difficult to come by, and with one third of our money coming from the Youth Bank, which has now finished as a funding stream, next year will be an even bigger and more daunting challenge.

"There are many grants available to fund new festivals or new initiatives within existing festivals, but there are few who want to enable an existing festival to maintain its current level of activity over the longer term, no matter how successful it has become, and we have found that we have spent more time trying to raise the money to run MK4U than actually organising the festival itself.

Music fans enjoying the entertainment

"Our young volunteers have gained training, confidence and transferable skills from working with us on this festival and it is with great regret that we cannot afford to put it on next year."

Organisers now hope that someone will step in to help save the event which last year attracted around 3,500 visitors. Mr Wakley added: "We are determined to maintain MK4U as a free festival, organised and run by young people but without the money to pay for the infrastructure we just can't do it. Our equipment has been put into storage and maybe someone will come forward with the money we need to enable us to continue the event."

If you can help then contact MK4U by email on pat@tscevents.co.uk

AT THE SCENE: Police forensic and fire investigation officers receive a briefing before entering the fire ravaged house on Fishermead where two bodies were found

Council: we will fight the HIMO legislation

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE council has vowed to do everything it can to put a stop to new government legislation on HIMOs.

If enforced on October 1, the new rules would make it easier for landlords to create HIMOs as planning permission would no longer be needed.

That means unregistered HIMOs, like the one on Fishermead Boulevard in which three-year-old Fiyin Ejifunmilayo and mum Bola died in a huge blaze, would become legal.

Chris Williams, Cabinet member for Housing, made an emotional plea to his peers last Tuesday to support his opposition to the proposals, which he says will remove council control and may see HIMOs springing up across the city.

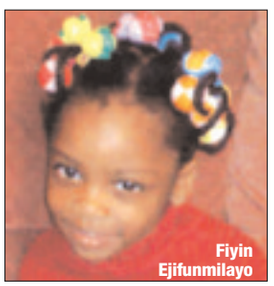
He said: "If we go through with the proposed regulations there will be more control over someone applying to build a conservatory than to set up a HIMO.

"We robustly oppose and must do anything we can to delay or stop the proposals going through.

"All party members recognise they are necessary in most parts of the city, but they do need control.

"We need to seek owners to get planning and we need a regular set of policies in place that allow us to oversee the quality of HIMOs for the safety of people who live there and the residents in the area, in order that there might be proper control."

Bola Ejifunmilayo



Fiyin Ejifunmilayo

An option to re-enforce planning control would be available to the council, but this would take 12 months to impose and would allow more unregulated HIMOs to be set up in that time.

The council voted unanimously to oppose the government and to set in motion investigations into all legal avenues that might prevent the legislation being ratified.

More than 500 HIMOs have been identified in Milton Keynes, but opposers to the proposed scheme say there may be many more that the council do not know about, and are worried that, if more are set up, tragedies like the fire in Fishermead could be repeated.

Last week contact details were released for anyone wanting to report a suspected HIMO, but Mike Galloway, Cabinet member for Development Control, said the council is relying on people to get in touch.

He said: "How can we find out about these HIMOs? It's important that people report and we act, but it is important that we are made aware of them."

MP Mark Lancaster raised the issue directly with David Cameron in Prime Minister's Questions last Wednesday as he continues to campaign for improvements to HIMO safety.

Mr Cameron put the onus on local authorities and encouraged them to use the powers they have to prosecute.

He said: "There have been too many cases like this. The law is there, it should be used."

Anger over bus timetable problems

THE system set up to give passengers real-time bus updates has been criticised for giving the wrong information.

Real Time Passenger Information, or RTPI, boards have been placed in bus stops across Milton Keynes to keep passengers up-to-date on when their bus is due.

But in a council meeting last Tuesday Stephen Coventry, ward member for Woughton, criticised the system for displaying out-dated information five months after it should have been changed.

He said the boards in bus stops along part of the number 1 route display information for the old number 7 route, which was moved to another area in the timetable shake-up on April 25.

He said: "It's not real time, it's slow time.

"If people don't know what buses are going there, that's an appalling situation to be in.

"They are advertising the number 7 route in places where it doesn't run,

so it's probably working fine where it does run."

He also said timetables had not yet been set up at new bus stops in Beanhill, something which Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for transport, said she would look into.

A council spokesman said: "The RTPI system has 59 on-street display boards. All 44 boards serving bus routes 4, 5, 7 and 8 are working and the departure and arrival time system is providing invaluable help to the public in planning their journeys.

"The other 15 display boards are working but have been switched off after changes to the bus timetable meant they were no longer on the pilot bus routes. They will be switched on when other bus routes go live as the system is rolled out across the city.

"The project has been funded in the main by the Homes and Communities Agency and Milton Keynes Council has put about £25,000 into the project. We are continuing to work to update information on the RTPI boards that are no longer served by the pilot bus routes and this work should be complete within the next few weeks."

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of the Older Persons' Forum, has helped set up an independent Bus Users' Group.

He said: "We made this point a while back, it's very apparent that it's not working properly.

"I believe there's something endemically wrong, and it's one of the many issues the new Bus Users' Group is going to tackle."

The first BUG meeting will be on October 22. Anybody wishing to attend or who wants more information should e-mail mkbususers@hotmail. co.uk.

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Solution urgently needed

SIR - There is no doubt that the MK bus system needs a complete overhaul for effectiveness.

It is increasingly difficult for those without cars to get around.

Something urgent needs to be done.

Niran Seriki
Sent from iPhone

Reasons are many

SIR - Regarding the article in MK NEWS, yes I agree with the statement made by the Campaign for Better Transport about MK having the worst public transport in the country but not for the reasons stated.

As a member of the Citizens Advice Group on Transport (CAGoT) we were advised by a former planner from the now defunct Milton Keynes Development Corporation that he had designed the grid road system expressly for the incorporation on a 'modern, efficient public transport system that would serve the local population'… and 'would easily be expanded into newly developed areas as the city grew' and not for 'the car'.

The real reason for the appalling public transport system is the short-termist approach by local councillors and/orcouncil officers who have never really supported proper investment into what could be another example of Milton Keynes' ability to lead the way.

As locally and nationally elected politicos only look as far ahead as the next election it is highly unlikely that this will change due to such lack of vision.

Helen Davies
Gifford Park

Comment is no comfort

SIR - I read your feature 'MK's public transport 'the worst' says report' with disappointment but no surprise.

What I found amazing was the comment from a spokesman for Milton Keynes Council: "What the rest of the country does not have is over 20,000 parking spaces available for the public… "

How on earth is that supposed to provide any comfort for the long-suffering non-car user?

Frederick Toates
Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge

Journey conundrum

SIR - Yes I totally agree with the CBT, findings about public transport in Milton Keynes It's the worst I have ever come across.

Just recently my son started school in Grange Farm, and we live in Bletchley.

It's a journey which takes ten minutes in the car, but using, public transport, he has to take two buses as there is no direct route and in total it takes him just under 90 minutes to get home from school.

Yet my daughter, who takes the train and the tube to college in London manages her journey within 65 minutes.

I would like to know how can that be.

Sonya Corentin
sent by email

Things must surely get better after 'improvements' made them worse

SIR - Regarding the article 'The worst place for public transport', at last, it's formally recognised that our public transport system is dreadful!

It has never been the best, but recent 'improvements' to the bus service by Arriva have made it unbearable.

In a car, if I could drive, it would take me five minutes to get to my job in Milton Keynes hospital, but on the newly improved bus service, the journey takes 46 minutes!

For the hospital, from certain parts of the city, the service is deplorable, so my fervent hope is that this article will force this council to make some well overdue decisions.

Jenni Hamilton
sent by email

Take matter seriously

SIR - I must agree with the findings of the CBT report.

I took the bold step of getting rid of my car in April to use public transport to get from Leighton Buzzard where I live to my place of work in Stony Stratford.

This decision was made for financial and environmental reasons.

At first all was fine – but with the recent new timetable and the re-directing of certain routes it is proving a nightmare to get from the central station to Stony or back again.

The train system has been very reliable but the buses are not.

Often I am left waiting for a bus that just doesn't turn up, have had drivers drive straight past me at my stop despite me signalling to them or the buses are just late.

I will soon be buying a cheap run-around to get over this problem.

I found the council spokesman's comments alarming.

He states "Milton Keynes is a city that does provide choice evidenced by our dedicated pedestrian and cycle network – the redways – of over 270km connecting the city for walking or cycling as well as a bus network".

I think they are missing the point. The redways are not up for criticism, the poor performance of the bus network is so I see this as 'side stepping' the issue.

As well as this, this statement says to me 'if you don't like it walk or take your bike' – some choice. Perhaps if the local council addressed the issue and took the growing number of criticisms on board and actually tried to make a difference we may get a better service but until the council take the matter seriously nothing will be achieved.

James Robinson
sent by email

Bridge parade success

SIR - A day to remember for Newport Pagnell

We saw the largest crowd ever assemble in the town last weekend to celebrate the bicentenary of our bridges.

A parade of over 100 vehicles from horse drawn to vintage cars, tractors, buses, motorcycles and even a sedan chair.

The crowds stretched from Lathbury Road, the High Street, St John Street and over into Tickford Street. Many thousands of enthusiastic onlookers.

My congratulations and thanks go out to all who worked so hard to achieve an enormously successful day.

It marked the historical significance and importance of having the oldest cast iron bridge at Newport Pagnell still able to carry the heaviest of traffic – a Scheduled Ancient Monument – and within the boundaries of Milton Keynes.

I was astounded by the size of the crowd, watching on with such enthusiasm and the magnificence of the vehicles. It is events such as this that bring the whole community together and create such a positive buzz.

By the way, a beautiful book, 'Newport Pagnell's Bridges' has also been published to mark the occasion and would certainly make, a great Christmas gift and there's still time to check out an exhibition detailing the history of Newport's bridges at the town library, on until Sunday, September 26.

Roy Mason,
Newport Pagnell

What Big Society… ?

SIR - I have been following the correspondence on your letters pages about MK Council's legal action against two Trustees of Milton Keynes Sports Club.

The new Government trumpets something called The Big Society.

I'm not entirely sure what this means, but I am sure it doesn't mean that local government should be looking to pursue those who actively give their time and effort to society. The situation has clearly escalated out of all proportion.

Has nobody tried mediation? And why has there been nothing from the council in your pages defending their position?

Martyn Durbidge
Giffard Park

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Iain Stewart chats to Bletchley B&Q store manager Mike Paice and staff member Jacqui Hartley

All in a day's work for new Tory MP

With the city's new MP settling in to a life at Westminster, reporter ADAM GRINSELL met Iain Stewart to find out what a day out in his constituency is like.

Iain Stewart and David Foster take a ride around the Tear Drop Lakes

MONDAY to Thursday, Iain Stewart, the new Conservative MP for the south of the city, is at Westminster tackling national issues and representing Milton Keynes in Parliament.

But on Fridays, Iain gets out and about in his constituency to meet his voters and find out about what matters to the community.

"That's the main thing I love about my job," he told me at the end of one such, very tiring, Friday last week.

"Sometimes I can be scrutinising Parliamentary legislation, and sometimes I can be making a real difference to an elderly lady fighting to keep her allotment."

I had been following him all day around the city to find out just what his job entails, catching up with him at 9am in the *MK NEWS* office.

Here, he told me he originally moved to the city from Scotland in 1993 as a chartered accountant and fell in love with the city, before deciding politics was his calling and originally standing to represent Milton Keynes in 2000.

He said: "Some people don't realise but this was actually my third attempt at election, as I'd originally tried in 2000 and 2005.

"I can be accused of many things, but lack of staying power isn't one of them."

At 10am we drove to Netherfield so Iain could present a brand new laptop to Lee Little, a 28-year-old who had won a competition after taking part in an online basics course, run to help people connect to the internet who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Iain said: "Courses like this are important as people who don't have access to the internet are excluded and are at a disadvantage.

"I congratulate all the people involved in helping others connect and overcome that disadvantage."

Next on our whistle-stop day at 11am was a meeting-on-the-go with chairman of the Parks' Trust, David Foster, with a bike ride around the Teardrop Lakes, Loughton.

Following our ride, Iain explained he usually worked seven days, and continued his constituency work at weekends.

One such issue he is involved in is the court case of Vanda Joss and Trevor Leach, who the council says owe nearly £200,000.

He said: "I'm hoping there's a willingness on both sides to settle the issue before it goes any further legally, and I'm trying to help that process along."

Next up at noon was a grilling from Jo Povey, a young volunteer journalist with the new young people's publication.

She asked him about everything from the environment to employment, and Iain told her about an annual youth initiative he helped set up with Mark Lancaster.

Every year, schools across Milton Keynes are invited to take part in a debating competition, in which the finalists compete at Parliament.

Iain says he hopes the scheme will get young people interested in politics, and improve confidence and community participation.

At 1pm Iain was introduced to staff and environmental schemes at B&Q, Denbigh.

While on the tour, his researcher Jimni told me next up would be a well-deserved lunch break, as Iain had not eaten all day.

After the break, and a meeting at 3pm with the corporate director of Children & Young People's Services at the council, Iain and I headed back to Netherfield for his weekly surgery.

Here he was met with questions concerning the police, and one elderly lady who was due to lose her late husband's allotments.

After promising to get in touch with the parish council and help her out, he told me it was those instances that made the job worthwhile.

But what will he do now to unwind? A stiff drink perhaps?

"I really enjoy jogging", he said. "I'll probably go out for one this evening, that's when I feel I can really relax."

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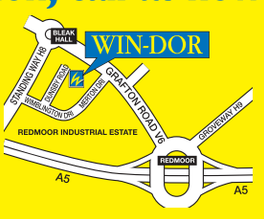

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Man, 24, takes his own life after Valentine's Day

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A MENTAL health service has been criticised after a man hanged himself outside his girlfriend's mother's house just hours after Valentine's Day.

Bradley Robertson, 24, of Florin Close, Pennyland, who would have turned 25 tomorrow (23/09), hanged himself from a tree in Hendrix Drive, Crownhill, following an argument with his girlfriend, Kimberley Wilson, on February 15.

An inquest has heard how prior to the incident, Bradley had attempted suicide on several attempts, once by overdose, once by self harm, and twice by hanging.

On December 2, 2009, the court heard he had tried to slit his wrists, and when taken to the accident and emergency ward at MK Hospital, was seen by trainee psychiatrist, Dr Paris Niik.

Dr Niik referred Bradley to ASTI, The Assessment and Short Term Intervention Team for mental health, for help. ASTI, however, did not contact Bradley until February 13.

By which time, said Bradley's mother Pauline, it was too late.

ASTI claim this was due to a technical fault with their fax machine, and that they contacted him as soon as possible.

They made an appointment to see him on February 13, but Bradley told them he had made arrangements to see his girlfriend, Kimberley, for Valentine's Day and would see them on February 15 - but he took his own life before the appointment.

Bradley's mother, Pauline Robertson, said: "I'm not happy it's not very nice that someone's life comes down to technology.

"We've had faxes for years, it's not something I would have thought a hospital would have to rely on.

"To them it's a broken fax machine, but to me it's my son's life.

"If he had received the help he'd been asking for for years, we don't know for sure but he might still be here, you never know.

"Nothing can bring my son back, I just want that it doesn't happen again.

"He might still have done what he did but I'll never know.

"He wasn't a sad person, he wasn't always desperate, he was a very much-loved family member, loved by everyone."

Coroner Rodney Corner, said: "What is clear is that Bradley was very disturbed and that there were a number of serious incidents.

"What he wanted was that all would be well in the relationship.

"What he needed was help.

"It is such a pity that we have had to listen to the fact that due to a mechanical error, help wasn't given on December 2 when it should have been."

ASTI said they have since installed a new electronic system to ensure the same mistakes are not made.

The coroner said Mr Robertson took his own life.

Joyce's relief as taxi driver finds her purse containing £2,000

A GOOD-hearted taxi driver returned a purse containing £2,000.

Joyce Emanuel, 32, on holiday from Nigeria, noticed her purse was missing when she came to pay for groceries at BHS in the city centre.

Joyce said: "It was all I had. I was crying and was certain nobody was going to hand it in or give it back.

"I called the taxi company and the driver called us back personally.

"He returned the purse with everything in it. What a nice guy.

"I gave him £50 to show my appreciation.

"I was so happy - I could have lost everything."

Eezy Cabs driver and father-of-five, Mohammed Mushtaq, 39, of Cambridge Street, Wolverton, said: "I am very happy.

"When I found the purse I opened it up and saw a lottery - there were even cards inside with their pin numbers.

"But I thought 'no, this isn't mine.'

"My religion teaches not to take anything which isn't yours. God is always watching.

"My wife is very pleased with me and my children told me I did a very good thing.

"Even when customers leave change in the car, I always put it in a charity box which I donate when it's full."

Joyce was on a two-week-holiday in Milton Keynes visiting her sister at Cranfield University with her two sons.

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Taxpayers are set to pay five-figure sum for council change

A PARISH council in the city may soon be forced to rebrand - and constituents will have to foot the bill.

The Campbell Park grid square, which is currently part of Campbell Park Parish Council, may soon be integrated into Central Milton Keynes Town Council.

This would mean the parish council would need to be renamed, and it warns the amount needed could be in five figures.

Council clerk Bill Dawson said: "The particular concern we have is that this council is called Campbell Park Parish Council.

"All of the branding on the website, leaflets and posters would have to be replaced to whatever it would be called after.

"That would be a cost that would have to be covered by residents in places like Fishermead and Oldbrook.

"Why should the residents have to pay for something they haven't been consulted in?

"Our name appears on so much that we haven't costed it yet because we're hopeful it won't happen.

"Amount is a question of how long is a piece of string? We're potentially looking at five figures."

Parish council boundaries are reviewed every ten years by Milton Keynes Council, and potential changes will be discussed and decided at a full council meeting next month.

Campbell Park Parish Council has two vans, six notice boards, two allotments and a parish office, all of which would need to be altered, as well as their letter headings and website. But Peter Gladwin, chair of Central Milton Keynes Town Council, thinks the move is a logical one.

He said: "The reason we suggested that Central Milton Keynes Town Council should include the Campbell Park grid square is because the people down there wanted it to be, and Milton Keynes was designed that way.

"As a council firstly you listen to the people.

"Campbell Park wanted to take over Central Milton Keynes but the lack of logic there has been outed - currently to date we have won the argument.

"Milton Keynes Council must determine that it would be totally illogical, if we took over the square, for another council to be named Campbell Park."

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THOUSANDS of people in Newport Pagnell have celebrated the town's bridges in style.

The highlight was a parade through the town of more than 100 vehicles on Saturday.

The procession from Lathbury village was led by a stagecoach and included a penny farthing bicycle, and gleaming veteran and vintage cars ranging from a 1908 Vinot to the very latest Aston Martin.

The parade halted at world famous Tickford Bridge, the oldest iron bridge in the Western World still carrying main road traffic.

Eleven-year-old year-old Dilly Mason was carried by sedan chair to cut a ribbon on the bridge to allow dignitaries to cross.

These included the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport Pagnell and Dennis Mynard, Michael Harris and Ray Bailey, three of the men responsible for saving the Iron Bridge from demolition in the 1960s.

The crowds moved on to Riverside Meadow where the parade vehicles were displayed. Other attractions included an old fashioned fair, a nursery rhyme sing-a-long by pre-school children, a Punch and Judy show, New Bradwell Silver Band, and demonstrations of ancient craft. Ex-town Mayor Simon Baines, was dressed as a town crier to make announcements and several people were also in Regency costume to add colour to the scene.

The Parish Church played host to Sinfonia Ariella in the evening with a concert featuring the world premiere of the specially commissioned "A Bridge of Destiny" composed by John Byron.

A bridges exhibition at Newport Pagnell Library continues until Sunday.

Mercedes-Benz offices raided over price-fixing allegations

THE city office of German vehicle manufacturer Mercedes-Benz has been raided by the Office of Fair Trading.

An investigation has been launched by the OFT into alleged price-fixing by large truck manufacturing companies.

One person was arrested in the visit to the Milton Keynes base.

An OFT spokesman said: "The OFT is investigating suspected cartel activity involving commercial vehicle manufacturers in the UK. Investigations are being carried out under both the Enterprise Act 2002 and the Competition Act 1998. The investigations are at an early stage.

"The OFT will not be in a position to conclude whether it considers the law has been infringed until it has completed its investigations and assessed the available evidence.

"We can confirm that we visited the premises of Mercedes-Benz in the UK."

The spokesman said the investigation could be a long process.

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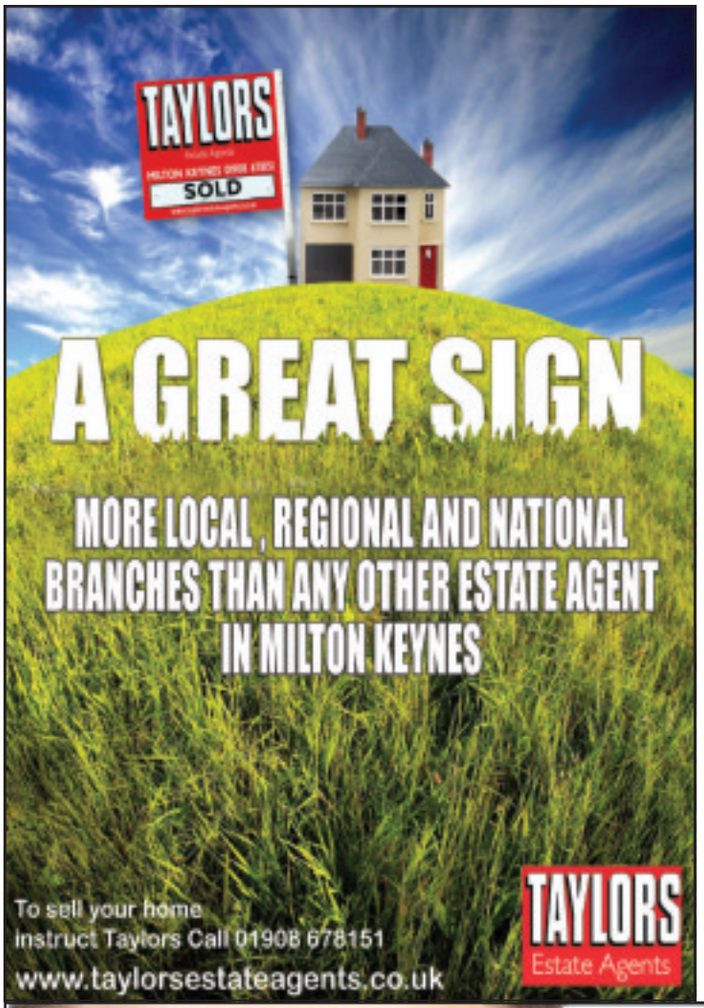

Fraudster is fined after he claimed more than £5k in bogus benefits

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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AN OLDBROOK man caught for benefit fraud has been fined after falsely claiming thousands of pounds.

Stuart Morrison, 26, of Ulyett Place, Oldbrook, was caught unlawfully sub-letting his council flat to another tenant.

Following a reassessment of benefit it was adjudged that Mr Morrison had fraudulently claimed £5,357.07 housing benefit and £344.42 council tax benefit.

He has been fined £290 and ordered to pay £560.40 in costs. He must also pay back the full amount of claimed benefits to the council.

The council has also repossessed the flat. He appeared before city magistrates on September 10, where he pleaded guilty to four charges under the Social Security Administration Act.

He admitted failing to notify the council about income he received from three additional jobs, or that he had vacated the property, as well as dishonestly claiming that he still lived there when initially questioned by MKC housing officers.

The alarm was raised when a benefit claim was received by a man who had moved into the address in July 2008. The unsuspecting tenant paid Mr Morrison £500 per month.

He was unaware it was a council flat.

Investigations led to Mr Morrison, formerly of Mellish Court, Bletchley, who was also claiming benefits on the basis of low earnings.

Bank statements showed that he was in receipt of other undeclared earnings from Blue Arrow, Dominos Pizza and Kuehne and Nagel and was receiving regular payments from his tenant.

Mr Morrison was invited to attend two interviews under caution but he did not attend.

A council spokesman from the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team said: "This demonstrates that we are determined to robustly pursue people who would defraud Housing Benefits or fraudulently sub-let council property."

Pensioner in hospital after arson attack on home

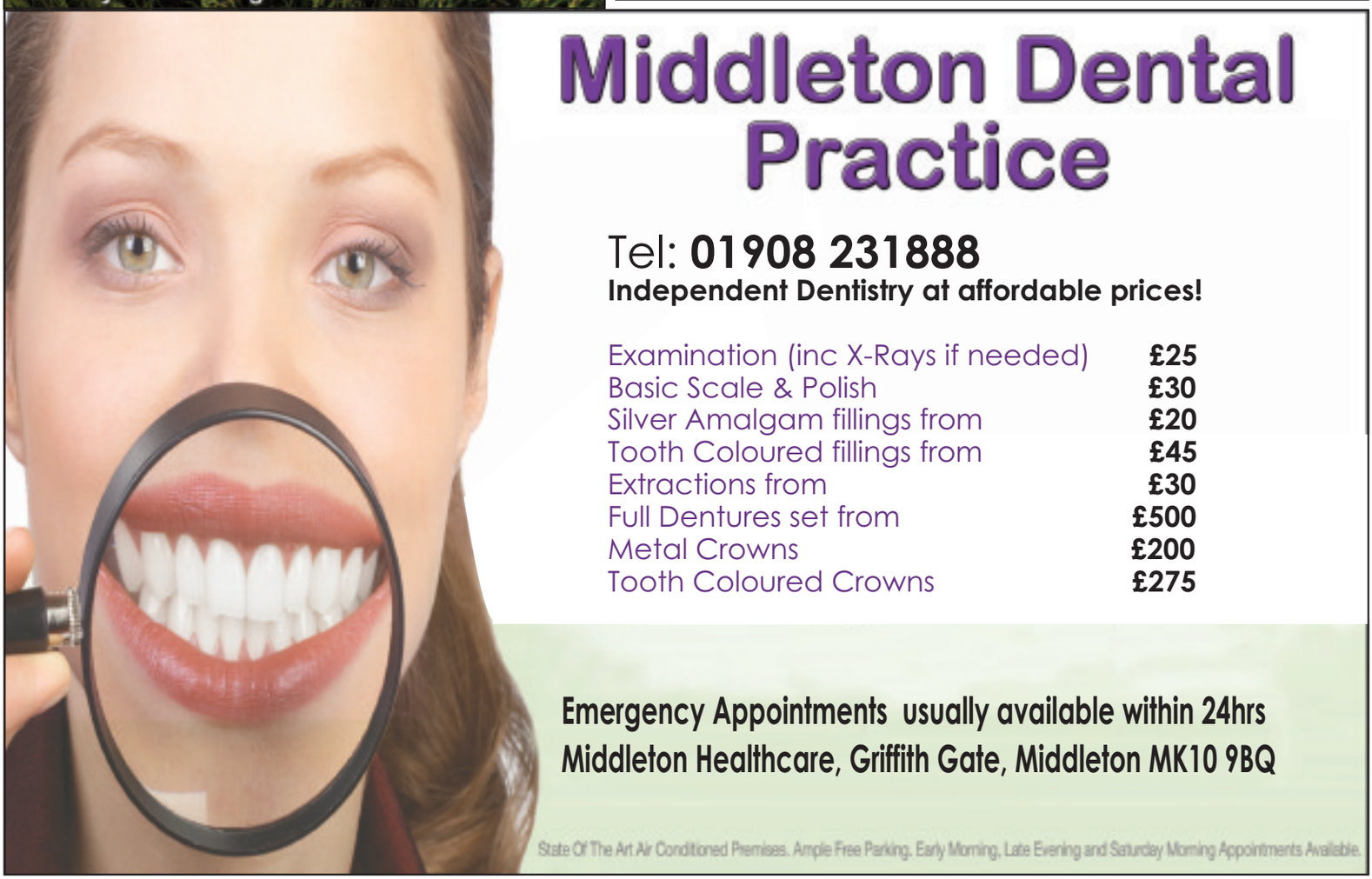
AN EIGHTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD woman was taken to hospital after arsonists set fire to possessions left outside the OAP's sheltered home.

The blaze first began when arsonists set fire to items of furniture which had been put outside the OAP's house for collection. The fire then spread to her ground floor porch of the two-storey flat in Ruskin Court, Newport Pagnell.

A woman, 24, and a man, 18, both from Newport Pagnell, have been arrested on suspicion of arson, and released on police bail until a later date.

The elderly woman was taken to Milton Keynes General Hospital, and kept in precautionary care until 8am the following morning.

The incident took place on September 15 at around 11pm.



Mayor heads for the top at Big Rock opening

ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Mayor Debbie Brock

MAYOR Debbie Brock reached new heights at the weekend.

She officially opened the new Big Rock Centre in Kingston.

Cllr Brock was given a tour of the centre on Saturday before setting off to the top of an eight-metre section of climbing wall herself.

She said: "The building of this centre has delivered a great facility for Milton Keynes; we really have reached some dazzling heights.

Now it's possible to do some climbing and skiing before lunch in a place as far from the mountains as you can get in this country."

Thanking the Big Rock team for choosing Milton Keynes she continued: "The opening today shows that, despite the current tough economic climate, people with drive, enthusiasm and determination can deliver great new projects, and I am sure that the climbing wall will be a great success as it is delivering something we obviously need."

Dave MacLeod, who with another top climber Tim Emmett gave a series of masterclasses throughout the day added: "Even though I've been climbing for 17 years, when I came here I'm like a kid in a sweetshop – it's amazing.

"There's so much happening. So many people all enjoying climbing, such a good social scene.

"It's just like a climber's heaven."

Unemployment in city at lowest level since 2008

UNEMPLOYMENT is at its lowest in Milton Keynes since November 2008.

The number of people on Jobseeker's Allowance in the city is now 6,337, down 383 since last quarter and 1,160 when unemployment was at its peak in August 2009.

This is part of the biggest quarterly rise in employment on record countrywide although Employment Minister Chris Grayling has said not enough jobs are being filled by people on benefits.

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman said: "Milton Keynes has a high proportion of low-skilled workers and these occupations were hit hard at the start of the recession. Now some confidence is starting to come back we are seeing a little confidence return to parts of the private sector.

"In addition, Milton Keynes Council through the Future Jobs Fund and the Recession Busters programme has helped many more people find work.

"The city is also recognised by the Centre for Cities study as one of the cities most likely to lead the country out of recession but we are not out of the woods yet, as the impact of job cuts in the public sector, which accounts for about 19 per cent of the employment market, has still to be felt."

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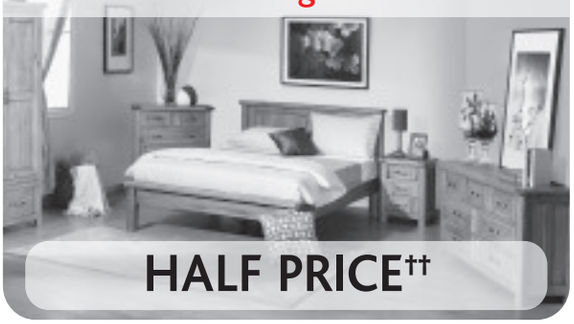

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Youngsters to get a say on the big issues

YOUNG people in the city are being urged to vote for issues they want debated in the House of Commons next month.

Sean Barnes, a member of the Youth Parliament, is asking people aged 11-18 for their opinions on what should be discussed in the next meeting on October 29.

Sean and fellow representative Ella Williams will be joining more than 300 others to debate topics like youth crime, sex education, university fees and public transport.

The top five issues, as voted for by young people, will be discussed.

Sean said: "We are urging young people to vote so we can see the most important issues affecting young people at the moment.

"This event is a great way of being heard as the event is being shown on TV and will be watched by MPs, Lords and young people across the country."

You can vote online, or download the paper version at www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk

Chamber boss is talking business

Commerce Chamber chief David Frost speaking at the lunch

CITY Chamber of Commerce members had a chance to grill its top man over lunch.

British Chambers of Commerce Director General, David Frost, was in Milton Keynes last week attending a lunch hosted by the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

The lunch at the Ramamda Encore brought together a select group of around 25 Chamber members and the director general for an informal question and answer session.

Topics covered included the role of the private sector in job creation in the coming years, transport links to the city, the importance of skills and education, international trading opportunities and the Government procurement programme.

Milton Keynes Chamber CEO Rita Spada said: "This was the first visit of David Frost to Milton Keynes for this type of question and answer session, and our members were very grateful for the opportunity to get his views on a number of important issues.

The BCC plays a vital role in the link between membership and the Government through their lobbying and representation at the highest levels, so enabling this type of two-way communication between our members is very important for the Milton Keynes business community and our regional economy going forward."

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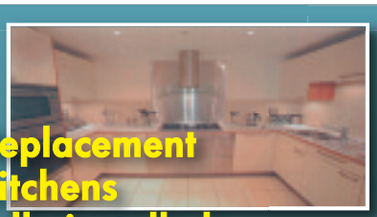

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Flood work set to be completed by Christmas

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
kirsten.rawlins@mk-news.co.uk

CONSTRUCTION work has started on the Stoke Goldington flood alleviation.

The final phase of work involving digging-out balancing ponds on nearby land, to store and help slow down the excess water discharge caused by heavy rain, is planned to be finished by Christmas.

After the floods nearly three years ago, Milton Keynes Council has worked with local landowners, the parish owners and ward member, Cllr Sam Potts, to put together a proposal to implement flood alleviation measures in the area.

The plans were put on hold earlier this year as MK Council had to get Environment Agency approval and this took some months to come through, but eventually got the go-ahead on July 19.

The council has already completed all localised repair work to culverts and highway drains, to try to minimise flooding caused by excessive rainfall.

The work has mainly been held up by the need for an environmental study, after the presence of great crested newts, bats, and badgers was found.

Since then the specialist equipment has been ordered, agreement with the landowners confirmed, and the work is starting on the required balancing lakes.

Cabinet member for Emergency Planning, Cllr Vanessa McPake, said: "What seemed a simple plan had turned into quite a saga but I am delighted that work started today."

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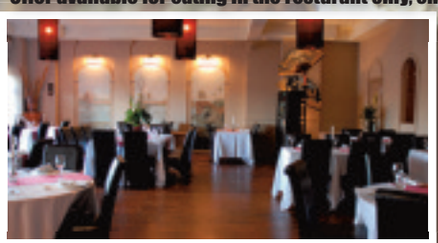

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This year's theme will include Santa's Grotto, an indoor ferris wheel, a double decker carousel and a variety of Christmas scenes designed to celebrate the yuletide.

This year thecentre:mk has responded for a desire for more traditional themes and has designed the ultimate Storyland Adventure for the anticipated 20,000 children who will visit.

There will also be a walk through wishing pool with all proceeds going to a local charity and a Christmas market selling seasonal goods.

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Have a ball for Hollie's cause

HOPE: Jemal Johnson and team-mates get behind the fundraising appeal

MK Dons' annual Hope for Hollie Halloween Ball is back.

The football club have held the event at stadiummk for three years to raise money for Hollie Carter who was diagnosed with Niemann Pick Type C two years ago.

The four-year-old is also a huge Dons fan.

Both the club and its supporters have backed the Hope for Hollie campaign, and former MK Dons captain Keith Andrews, who now plays for Premier League outfit Blackburn Rovers, remains heavily involved with the project.

Niemann Pick Type C is an extremely rare metabolic condition which causes neurological decline and for which there is no cure.

Less than 100 children suffer from this condition in the UK and only 1000 worldwide. The ball will see special guests including Poppy Jhakra, from Coronation Street and Waterloo Road, and Two Pints of Larger and a Packet of Crisps and Royale Family star Ralf Little.

There will also be a performance from Fame Academy semi-finalists MD Productions.

The event will take place on October 23 at stadiummk from 6.15pm-1am.

Tickets are £65 per person, or £650 for a table of ten.

Dress code is Halloween fancy dress or black tie.

For more information call Claire on 0845 2997890 or e-mail her at clair@prestigelifestylemanagement.co.uk. To find out more about Hollie visit www.hopeforhollie.co.uk

Cabbie abused and taxi damaged by drunk

A TAXI driver was racially abused and his car damaged after he refused a fare from a drunk.

He went to collect a fare outside the Oak Tree pub, Loughton, at 2am, and refused a fare due to one of the passengers being extremely intoxicated.

In response to this, one of the other passengers caused damage to the vehicle and shouted racial abuse at the driver.

During the incident a number of taxi drivers then became involved and allegations of racial abuse, criminal damage and assault were made.

The incident took place on Saturday, September 4.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Rob Burton at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

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SHEENA HALL

Happy 40th Birthday
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Mum and Dad x

LUCIE HARTWELL
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JOANNE & RORY DOYLE

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Lots of Love Chloe, Oliver, Jordan and Mum
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Birthday Memories

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on your birthday
21st September
Another year will pass
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We miss you every
day and always will.
Love Brenda and Family x

In Memoriam

MAY F. AGAR

In loving memory of a dear Mother
27th September 1997
Sons Bill & Tom & family

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed & very dear

Nancy Lowe
1st Anniversary
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xxx
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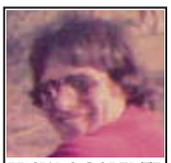

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17th September 2007

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'Jim'

21st September 2007

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Love always
Mary and Family

JOHN TWEED
20th September 2009

Missing you so very much, life's not the same without you by my side.
Deep in my heart you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

All my love
Joyce
x

JOHN WILSON
Beloved Husband of Carol
22nd September 2006
As time unfolds another year
In my heart you are always here.
Silent thoughts of years together,
Shared with the one I will
Love forever
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Simone Corgan's white helmet can just be seen behind the driver as she prepares for the thrill ride at Santa Pod

Few thrills can match that of dragster's speed

THE loudest and fastest motor sport on earth – drag racing – has a base on the Northamptonshire/Bedfordshire border. Santa Pod Raceway remains one of the local hidden gems despite holding the first and final round of the FIA European Drag Racing Championships this year. Petrol head and sports reporter **SIMONE CORGAN** got inside a drag racing car to experience the adrenaline-fuelled sport.

FORMER racer Steve Warner spends his time at Santa Pod tearing up and down a strip of land a quarter of a mile long.

Each trip lasts about eight seconds, but for those who sit at the back of his two-seater drag car the memories last a lifetime. A drag race is an acceleration contest between two vehicles over a flat, straight distance.

Fans get as close as they possibly can to being a racer for the day by paying good money to go in the dragster with Steve, who works for the track.

And there has only ever been one person, a woman who found out a parachute is used instead of brakes, who decided the experience was a little too frightening.

Everyone else found out why people get addicted to the sport.

Steve explained: "What the passenger really likes is the acceleration off the start line.

"Some people like the burn-out when we warm the tyres up just prior to the run.

"It's just like floating in air – you've got the vibration and then when the car stops and you reverse you can smell all the racing gasoline and there's smoke all round the car and that's a big buzz to people.

"Nothing can match a 300-mile-an-hour top fuel dragster for sheer speed and noise. The earth shakes; it's unbelievable."

I spent hours with Steve and his support team of Baron Sharpe and John Hackney waiting, in a full race suit that made me look like a new red version of The Stig, for my chance to get in the car.

After a downpour that threatened to cancel my trip, we got the go-ahead.

I put on a head sock, the helmet and my gloves then I climbed into my seat, which much to the amusement of other racers had been padded out with two pillows because I was too small. I could feel my heart rate climbing at an alarming rate.

Steve fired up the engine to warm up the machine and the cocoon we were in swayed slightly to either side.

Before we could go anywhere we had to wait for the top fuel dragster class to finish their qualifying, and I didn't need any signals from anyone to tell me when they had reached the start line.

I felt the ground shake and my ears, even with a helmet on, were pierced with the roar of the dragsters starting their races.

Then it was my turn.

We pulled up to the strip of tarmac and Steve performed the standard burn out – which heats the tyres and lays rubber down at the beginning of the track.

We reversed backwards, rolled forward so I quickly took one last glance around.

There were crowds gathered on a bank of grass to my right. In the distance I could see rides from a mini funfair swirling around, and to my left were more people waiting to watch us speed off.

Then, all off a sudden I felt as though my feet had been taken from under me, my head jolted forward and my tongue hit the back of my throat as we powered off the starting line.

I opened my eyes as wide as they would go to take in the scene – everything was a blur – the fans in the stands had all but disappeared and before I knew it I could see the finish line.

KITTED UP: Sports writer Simone Corgan

Somehow, even at that speed, I remembered I had to throw my head back into the seat and as we flew over the finish line Steve dispatched the parachute which was attached to the back of the car, to grind us to an eventual halt.

At our top speed we clocked 164.26 miles per hour, and the quarter of a mile stretch took just 8.047seconds to complete.

When we finally came to a standstill Steve jumped out and asked how I was feeling.

I realised he couldn't see the ridiculous grin I was sporting so instead stuck both my thumbs up – my hands were shaking as the adrenaline pumped through my body.

Standing and watching drag racing is an experience in itself – the noise forces you to put your hands in your ears, and the engine's power reverberates through your body.

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Warren Dowse, 23, of Milton Keynes, is being recalled to prison by the Probation Service for breaching his licence conditions after an allegation of assault was made against him on July 26.

Extensive searches and inquiries have been carried out in Milton Keynes to find Dowse and police are asking for the public's help on information to help find him.

If you have any information contact Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour non-emergency number on 0845 8 505 505.

If you do not want to speak to the police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

You can also give information to the police in person by visiting any police station.

Neil Harbey and Ali Burbidge, sufferers of fibromyalgia, sharing their experiences with MP Iain Stewart, right

MP boosts muscle illness awareness

IAIN Stewart is supporting a campaign to fight fibromyalgia.

The MP for Milton Keynes South heard the painful experiences of sufferers of Fibromyalgia at a barbecue organised to raise awareness of the condition.

Mr Stewart said: "It appears that not enough is known about this medical condition as such sufferers suffer in silence without receiving adequate support.

"I am very pleased that an active support group, led by Ali Burbidge, is available to lend a listening ear and properly signpost sufferers.

"When speaking to members of the group, one shared his experience with me that he suffered for a length of time because his GP wasn't familiar with the condition.

"It took a chance appointment with another GP for the condition to be diagnosed."

Fibromyalgia is a musculoskeletal pain and fatigue disorder for which the cause is still unknown.

Chronic headaches, muscles and joint aches as well as morning stiffness are some of the symptoms that the two per cent of the population who are sufferers experience.

Ali Burbidge, Leader of Fibromyalgia MK, said: "Our campaign has received such a boost by our local MP coming to hear our story.

"People often think that this illness is all in our head but it isn't.

"I know that there are many more sufferers out there who do not know where to go to for support and I would encourage them to please make contact as they no longer need to suffer in silence."

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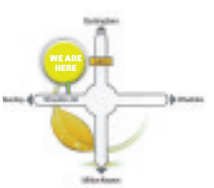

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Warnings issued after distraction burglaries

RESIDENTS in Leighton Buzzard need to be vigilant after three distraction burglaries were reported.

Each time a different method was used on elderly victims and police are reminding people not to let any strangers in unless they have a prearranged appointment and the correct identification.

The first burglary took place on Monday, September 6 in Church Road, Slapton around 9.15pm. Two offenders gained entry to the property after identifying themselves as from the 'water board'.

One offender kept the victim busy in the kitchen while the other searched upstairs, stealing £500 cash and leaving through the front door.

The second offence took place in Lowndes Way, Winslow, Buckingham, on Wednesday, September 8 at 11.45am.

The offender knocked on the victim's door and introduced himself as a new neighbour.

He asked the victim for change for £20 and when the victim looked away he stole her purse and a wallet. They contained bank cards, loyalty cards and £87 cash.

Later that day at 1.45pm an offender gained entry to a property in Silver Street, Cublington telling the victim he was from E.ON and had been sent to carry out work on the electricity meter.

He asked the victim to hold a button in the kitchen for 10 minutes while he carried out work. The offender stole £80 cash and then left.

Crime reduction adviser Kama Wager said: "There is no reason why a stranger should ever come into your home. All agencies or utility companies should make an appointment and carry identification.

"Anyone with elderly or vulnerable relatives, neighbours or carers should check their home security and alert them to the dangers of opening the door to a stranger.

"If you see people calling at houses and are suspicious of their intentions, contact police immediately.

"It is a good idea to have a chain or security bar on the front door."

■ If you are worried about your security, contact your local crime reduction office via the Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

Anyone with information about these incidents can contact 0845 8 505 505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

UNITED IN GENEROSITY: Milton Keynes taxi drivers who have donated cash to the Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal

Cabbies' efforts raise £4k for Pakistan flood

THE city's taxi drivers have raised £4,000 for the Pakistan Flood Appeal.

Haji Ahmed collected funds from drivers and members of the public outside Central Milton Keynes rail station.

City Hackney Carriage Association chair Mohammed Nawz said: "In times where we as taxi drivers are struggling to earn a living, it just goes to show regardless of the situation we can still unite and strive to help others who are less fortunate.

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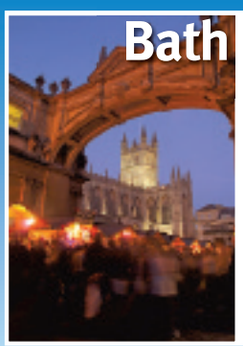

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SIMON DARNELL

SHAME
Robbie Williams and Gary Barlow

I ONLY have two problems with this song. Yeah, I know, only two?

I must be getting soft in my old age, but yes, there are only two things wrong with this song.

Firstly, let's have a look at the lyrics. The lyrical content is actually very good, but there is a catch.

The way the whole thing sounds overall lends itself to a myriad of cover versions, from people howling along to it on Saturday night telly to generic session singers crooning away during a romantic comedy just at the point where the two biggest rivals in the movie finally realise that – would you believe it – all this time they've been perfect for each other.

The problem is that the lyrics can't just apply to anyone, they specifically apply to Robbie and Gary.

For example, they sing of 30-foot high posters with their faces on, adorning Toys R Us, and although it's a great line in the song it's not something that everybody can relate to.

In other words, the lyrics are a little too specific to give this song a long shelf-life like Angels (more's the pity) or Back For Good. On the other hand, I bet writing the words was an extremely cathartic experience for the two, so that's nice.

As for the other problem? Well, that's the tune. It's drab, dull, lifeless and beige. Utterly forgettable, in other words. It'll be a big hit, because these two getting back together is apparently an event, but this really could and should have been a lot better than it is. Shame, indeed.

RADIOACTIVE
Kings of Leon

NOW then, this is a proper little curate's egg and no mistake.

Parts of this are actually very good, but some parts are breathtakingly mediocre, and unfortunately that's what drags this song down for me.

Here's the good – some of the riffs are great and I don't mind the verses.

Now the bad – the chorus is far too 'stadium rock' for me and while inviting a choir along can sometimes improve a song, here it somehow feels a bit forced.

We very nearly had here a Kings of Leon song that I actually liked, but instead what we've got is a classic case of the whole being less than the sum of its parts. Ah well.

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UISCEDWR
Thursday, September 23. 8pm
PHENOMENAL folk trio Uiscedwr are one of Britain's most exciting contemporary bands. Featuring Anna Esslemont on fiddle and vocals, with guitar and six-string bass wizard Nick Waldock and Cormac Byrne (of Seth Lakeman Band fame) on bodhran and percussion, this is the most thrilling modern folk music you're ever likely to hear.
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THE MAGNETS
Friday, September 24. 8pm
THE Magnets are the UK's top professional a cappella group. Their music fuses glorious vocal harmonies with jaw dropping beatboxing to create a sound as rich as any band with instruments… all from the voice alone. In their current show Gobsmacked! The Magnets give iconic songs an all-vocal remix, from Joy Divison to the Scissor Sisters.
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MARTIN TAYLOR'S SPIRIT OF DJANGO
Tuesday, September 28. 8pm
TO mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Django Reinhardt, one of the founders of European jazz, guitarist Martin Taylor has reformed his award-winning group Spirit of Django after a 15 year hiatus for a new album and tour.
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Friday, September 24. 8.45pm
CHRYSTINA TOMLIN is an exciting new act on the UK scene, a bit like KT Tunstall with a dash of Alanis Morrisette about her.
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Saturday, September 25. 8pm
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TOPLOADER
Support From Jon Kendall
Wednesday, September 29. 8pm
Tickets £17.50
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THE ARTS COLLECTIVE

The Princess & the Frog and The Boy who Broke my Heart
Thursday, September 23. 7.30pm
Ladies who do Pizza and tour of duty
Friday, September 24. 7.30pm

A COMMUNITY arts project written by Yaw Asiyama ***(above)*** and produced by The Arts Collective in association with various directors.

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His cluster project this year is a collection of new pieces realised through other directors.

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MK GALLERY

An exhibit at the Andrew Lord exhibition

ANDREW LORD EXHIBITION

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Using clay, plaster, beeswax, bronze, drawing, printmaking and video this exhibition provides the first overview of the artist's career. Charting the development of his practice from the minute observation of nature and citation of modern art to casts from the body and use of memory as a sculptural tool.

For example, Lord's early experiments frequently reworked the traditional forms of jugs, vases and cups capturing different qualities of light and shade which sometimes echoed the styles of Cezanne, Monet and Picasso.

These works increasingly evoked the human figure, eventually culminating in a series of vases that fuse the continuous outline of a vessel with the facial profile of artists who had influenced him, including Marcel Duchamp, Jasper Johns and Paul Gauguin.

Moving to New York in the early 1980s where he explored different methods, increasingly using his own body as a sculptural tool, but maintaining the form of a vessel throughout.

A series of work formed in clay, plaster and wax or cast in bronze was produced around the senses with the artist pressing his nose, tongue, eye sockets, ears and teeth into clay to emphasise basic bodily functions.

In 2005, Lord produced a broader variety of subjects directly related to poetry (particularly Walt Whitman and Frank O'Hara), architecture, folklore and landscape.

In these works, the emphasis on physical application was increasingly balanced by personal and intuitive responses, often drawing on the artist's memories of his childhood in Whitworth, Lancashire.

This exhibition presents Lord's thirty year career as a constant process of experimentation and refinement that balances a conceptual approach with a sensual appearance.

The work derives from a meditation on domestic, everyday instruments and activities as well as a sophisticated play between form and content in a layered practice that includes physical action, representation, translation and remembrance.

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Milton Keynes Circle is holding a 'Girls' Night Out' in association with Headonist Hair.

MK Circle is for women aged 18-45 living in Milton Keynes who want to make friends, have fun and fundraise for local charities along the way.

Launched in April 2010, and having already enjoyed success with various social and fundraising events, MK Circle is now looking for new members from the area.

The event will take place on Tuesday 28th September from 6.30 to 8.30, at Headonist @the Hub.

Through the 'Girls' Night Out', women can find out about MK Circle and have some fun and enjoyment.

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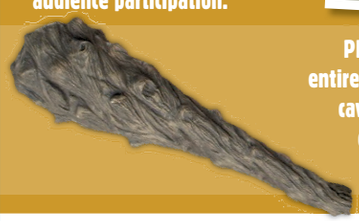

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Send your answers to **competitions@mk-news.co.uk** complete with your name, address and daytime telephone number. The closing date is Wednesday, September 29.

XSCAPE **COMPETITION**

Ten next month? Win chance to join Xscape birthday bash

XSCAPE Milton Keynes will be celebrating its 10th birthday on 10/10/2010 and is looking for people who are the same age to celebrate with!

So if your birthday is in October and you are going to be turning 10 years old this year then you could be in for a chance of winning a place at our fantastic tea party celebration at Xscape with loads of free fun.

To enter all you need to do is to write to Xscape with your name, birthday and a photo and tell us why you deserve to be a guest of honour at our party (entries must be signed by a parent confirming date of birth and agreeing to terms and conditions).

Ten lucky winners will then be selected to join them on the October 10 to celebrate together.

You can either write to 'Xscape 10th Birthday', 602 Marlborough Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 3XS or e-mail **miltonkeynes@xscape.co.uk**

The 10 selected kids will win a special birthday tea party in the Xscape Log Cabin on 10/10/10 plus a tobogganing session with Percy the Penguin and the Xscape Ape.

They also get free passes to come back and be the first to ride the Santa Express and visit Santa on the Real Snow Slopes on December 4.

Terms and Conditions: By submitting an entry, the parent must agree to Xscape using the child's name and photo in any publicity/online/print. All Terms and Conditions are viewable at Xscape.co.uk

WORLD'S GREATEST DAD

Robin Williams, Daryl Sabara, Alexie Gilmore, Geoff Pierson

From Friday

LANCE CLAYTON (Williams) is an unpublished novelist and poetry teacher. He's also a single father to Kyle (Sabara), a teen misfit into porn.

When Kyle dies in an accident, Lance decides to fake it as a suicide and ghostwrites a heartfelt note.

Little does he know it'll indirectly give him the fame he's always secretly sought as a writer.

THE HOLE IN 3D

Chris Massoglia, Hayley Bennett, Nathan Gamble

From Friday

DOCTOR Susan (Polo) uproots her two children, teen Dane (Massoglia) and younger brother Lucas (Gamble), to that old cinematic staple, the small American town. Soon the kids, joined by literal gal-next-door Julie (Bennett), discover a bolted-up trapdoor in the basement...

THE TOWN

Rebecca Hall, Jeremy Renner, Blake Lively, Pete Postlethwaite, Chris Cooper, Jon Hamm

From Friday

FOLLOWING a heist, professional thief Doug MacRay (Affleck) keeps tabs on bank manager Claire Keesey (Hall), the only witness who could identify MacRay's gang. As the couple slowly fall for each other and FBI agent Adam Frawley (Hamm) closes in on him, McCray begins to question the life he leads.

Alexie Gilmore as Claire and Robin Williams as Lance Clayton in The World's Greatest Dad

EAT PRAY LOVE (2010)

Julia Roberts, Javier Bardem

From Friday

BASED on Elizabeth Gilbert's bestselling novel, a woman (Julia Roberts) sets off on a journey of self-discovery after a bitter divorce.

FROZEN

Emma Bell, Shawn Ashmore, Kevin Zegers From Friday

THREE skiers are left stranded 100 feet above the ground when their chairlift abruptly stops. As the wolves gather beneath them, they're left to make some stark decisions.

WIN CINEMA TICKETS

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.

Who plays Lance Clayton in The World's Greatest Dad?
Answers by e-mail to: competitions@mk-news.co.uk

Please include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Closing date Tuesday, Sept 28.
Editor's decision final.

DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

Blisworth Tunnel Rats Invade Stony

Great old-time American tunes and songs, and their friends will bespangle the evening with some British stuff, too!
Free.

SATURDAY

Lions Club of Bletchley MK's traditional Moonwalk Simpson Village Hall

THIS year's traditional Moonwalk will take place at 6.30pm and starting from the village hall in Simpson. It is about two to two-and-a-half hour walk in hopefully the moonlight in the aid of Streetchildren.
Contact John Stupples, jcstupples@aol.com for further details.

No Hot Ashes The White Horse, Stony Stratford

Back for more good rocking classics and indie.
Free. 9pm.

Nutty About Nature - The Parks Trust Campbell Park, Milton Keynes

Short course for adults: Introduction to cider and juice making. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard.
10am - 5pm, £10 per person. Call 01908 255379 or email events@theparkstrust.com to book your place.

Artworks-MK Linford Manor

THE Company of Experts' programme of workshops.
10 to 1pm fabric brooches with Sabeena Hussain cost £26.
Ceramic Buttons with Nita Nathwani, continues next week cost £70.
Call 01908 608108 or www.artworks-mk.co.uk.

SUNDAY

Big Fun Run Willen Hospice Willen Lake

Contact: Lynn - 01908 306699
5km fun run around Willen Lake.
Join in with this fun run which starts and finishes at the Lake side lawn. The run follows the tarred pathway that loops around the South and North Lake.
Time: 10am

Woughton Leisure Centre Lunchtime Music 1-4pm

A friendly welcome at Lin's bar with the Pat South Band playing a mixture of rock covers.
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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

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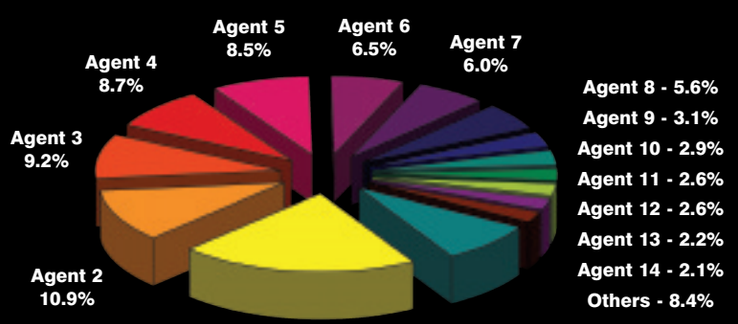

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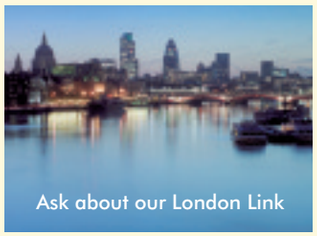

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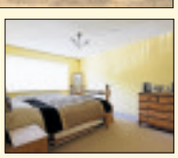
Loughton £450,000

•Extremely high specification detached executive residence
•Offers a wealth of living and bedroom accommodation
•Three reception rooms
•Beautiful kitchen/breakfast room
•Conservatory
•Utility and downstairs cloakroom

Furzton Lake £450,000

•This beautifully presented and generously proportioned five bedroom detached
•Situated in the popular area of Furzton very close to Furzton Lake
•24ft lounge •Dining room extending to sun room •Kitchen/breakfast room
•Master bedroom boasting a large dressing area and en suite.
•Gardens to both front and rear
•Parking for approximately six vehicles

Nash £405,000



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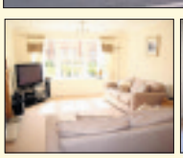
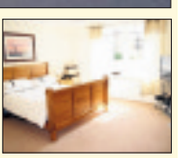
•Imaginatively refurbished and stylish family home
•Situated in the picturesque village of Nash with stunning views over rolling countryside
•Open plan lounge and dining room •Large kitchen/breakfast room
•Master bedroom has a dressing room and large en suite
•2 further double bedrooms and family bathroom

Oakhill £425,000





• An immaculately presented
• Five/Six bedroom
• Detached executive residence
• Situated on a generous plot
• 31ft kitchen/family room/dining room
• There are six bedrooms situated on two floors

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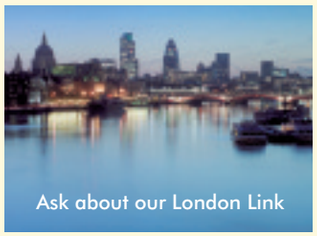

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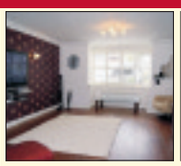
Shenley Church End — £550,000



- Extremely well presented five bedroom detached
- Lounge • Study
- Dining/family room • Kitchen/breakfast and utility
- Main bedroom has an en suite bathroom
- Second bedroom with en suite shower room
- Fully enclosed rear garden which backs onto open fields
- Block paved driveway provides parking
- Detached double garage.

Downhead Park — £465,000

- This stunning high specification property offers a wealth of accommodation
- Situated close to Central Milton Keynes and Campbell Park
- Large lounge • Kitchen/dining room • Family room • Study
- Conservatory • Utility and cloakroom
- Three double bedrooms and a large single bedroom
- Dressing room to the guest suite, two newly fitted en suites and a family bathroom
- This property also boasts a mature rear garden
- Ample off road parking in front of the detached double garage.

Shenley Brook End — £425,000

- A very well presented five bedroom detached property
- Lounge • Kitchen/breakfast room • Dining room
- Conservatory • Utility and w/c
- Five bedrooms with two en suites and a family bathroom
- There is a generous garden to the rear
- Driveway for approx. 4 vehicles infront of the double garage.

Heelands — £435,000

- Individually Designed Scandinavian Themed
- Detached Bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- 33ft Lounge/Dining Room
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Wrap Round Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

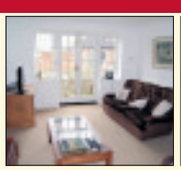
Soulbury — £450,000

- A beautifully presented barn conversion
- Situated in a secluded rural courtyard development
- This property offers open country views and has been refurbished to a very high standard
- Secluded from the road and accessed via an electric gate with keypad entry system
- Long private roadway
- Offers good sized family accommodation
- Very generous and private rear garden.

Aspley Guise — £375,000

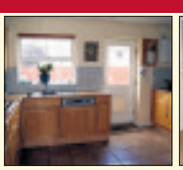
- BUILDING PLOT FOR SALE
- Situated on approximately half an acre of land
- On the popular road of Mount Pleasant in Aspley Guise
- This property has planning consent for full demolition and a re-build of a stunning four bedroom detached executive residence
- Plans for this property can be seen in office
- If you would like to view the plans in more detail, please call 01908 240981

Wavendon Gate — £375,000



- Wonderful four bedroom detached executive residence
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility and downstairs cloakroom
- Two en suites and family bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Detached double garage
- Ample off road parking

Kingsmead — £350,000



- Offered with NO UPPER CHAIN
- Well presented three storey detached family home
- Offers a wealth of accommodation on three floors
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- 5 double bedrooms
- Dressing room to the master, en-suite and 2 family bathrooms
- This lovely home also enjoys a double garage and gardens.

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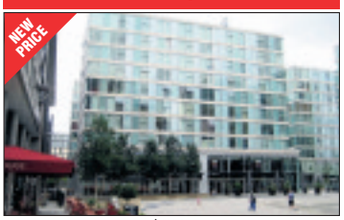
Central Milton Keynes £182,500



- Apartment
- First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Fire Heating
- Communal Gardens
- Parking

Springfield £145,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Stantonbury £138,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Home
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Medbourne £61,500

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

Oxley Park Guide Price £215,000

- Recently Constructed Property
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Wavendon Guide Price £225,000

- Well Presented
- Thatch Roofed Cottage
- Several Original Features
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

Shenley Church End £300,000

- Extended Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Refitted Kitchen
- 29ft Conservatory
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Furzton Guide Price £200,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Coffee Hall Guide Price £170,000

- Four bedroom
- Detached house
- Gas to radiator heating
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Front & rear gardens
- Garage

Giffard Park £125,000

- Semi detached property
- 80% shared ownership
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Gardens to front and rear
- Allocated parking

Woburn Sands Guide Price £230,000

- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Campbell Park £119,950

- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

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Mr M urgently requires a 3/4 bed in Walnut Tree. Need to sell? Please call 01908 678151

WANTED!

Mr Z urgently requires a 1 or 2 bed in Vision only. Need to sell? Please call 01908 678151

WANTED!

Miss S requires a 2/3 bed in Furzton. Need to sell? Please call 01908 678151

WANTED!

Mr J requires a 2/3 bed in Central Milton Keynes. Need to sell? Please call 01908 678151

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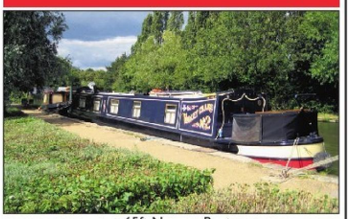
Great Linford £215,000

- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style
- Character Home
- Study
- Off Road Parking
- Approx 100ft Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Moored at Campbell Park £65,000



- 65ft Narrow Boat
- Radiator Central Heating
- 4 Berth
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Viewing Recommended

Ashland £150,000

- Second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Open plan lounge/kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Photo shows block

Neath Hill Guide Price £80,000

- View Today !!!!!
- Well presented
- One bedroom
- Ground floor maisonette
- Private garden
- Garage
- Viewing recommended

Monkston £344,750

- Very well presented
- 3/4 bedroom
- Detached bungalow
- Mezzanine balcony/bedroom four
- En suite to master
- Gardens, drive and garage
- Viewing is highly recommended

Ashland £327,500

- Well Presented
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Photo Shows View

Caldecotte £150,000

- Two Bedroom
- Mid Terrace
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Walking Distance of Caldecotte Lake
- Viewing Recommended

Westcroft £197,500

- Much improved home
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Rear garden
- Off road parking
- Viewing recommended

Great Linford OIEO £284,995

- Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Separate Receptions
- Refitted Kitchen
- Two En Suites
- Garden and Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking

Bolbeck Park OIEO £240,000

- Very well presented and much improved
- Three bedroom • Detached property
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted en suite to master
- Refitted family bathroom
- Internal viewng is highly recommended

Crownhill OIEO £265,000

- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom & Utility Room
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Width Driveway
- Double Garage

Furzton £259,995

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway • Garage
- No Upper Chain!

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Bletchley Guide Price £150,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

Bletchley Guide Price £160,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Gardens

Bletchley £295,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Conservatory
- Views of Open Countryside
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

Bletchley Guide Price £215,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Ensuite to Master
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Bletchley £174,995

- Victorian Style
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Bay Fronted
- Rear Garden

Bletchley Offers In Excess Of £145,000

- 1930's Style
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Sought After Location
- Front & Rear Gardens

Whalley Drive £435,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Horseshoe Style Driveway

Bletchley Offers In Excess Of £140,000

- 1940's Style
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

Bletchley £109,995

- Terraced
- One Bedroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Bletchley £87,950

- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Emerson Valley £179,995

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Wanted Three bedroom properties on Windmill Hill Drive for Mr and Mrs P.

Wanted Properties in the Racecourses waiting for buyers

Mr and Mrs R are currently looking for two bedroom properties in West Bletchley Can you help?

Wanted Properties on Church Green Road for waiting buyers.

Little Brickhill £129,995

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Great Investment Opportunity
- No Upper Chain

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Mr and Mrs H are looking to buy a three bedroom semi detached property in Emerson Valley. If you are thinking of selling please call 01908 524456 for a free market appraisal.

Oxley Park £250,000

- End of Terrace
- Townhouse
- Four Bedroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Emerson Valley £290,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Double Garage

Mr M is looking to buy a one bedroom property in and around Oxley Park. If you have a property you would like to sell please call 01908 524456.

Furzton £200,000

- Well Presented
- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Kingsmead £393,000

- Well presented • Five bedroom
- Detached property
- Sought after location
- 20ft lounge
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Driveway leading to a double garage

Westcroft Guide Price £270,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Westcroft Guide Price £220,000

- Well Presented
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Oxley Park £350,000

- Link Detached
- Three Storey Residence
- Spacious Accommodation
- Jack and Jill Ensuite
- Double Garage
- No Upper Chain
- Must Be Viewed!

Emerson Valley £224,995

- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Crownhill Guide Price £170,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- One Reception Room
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Brook End £235,000

- Well presented • Three bedroom
- Semi detached property
- Sought after location
- Driveway leading to single garage
- Approximately a 100ft rear garden
- Internal viewing is highly recommended

Mr and Mrs S are looking for a four bedroom property with a double garage, in and around Furzton. If you have a property like this and want to sell please call 01908 524456.

Oxley Park £234,995

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Shenley Lodge Guide Price £150,000

- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

Our branch is situated in Morrisons supermarket. If you would like to expose your property to more buyers please call 01908 524456.

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Bradville £264,995

•Four Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Lounge
•Dining Room
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•Utility Room
•Ensuite
•Family Bathroom

Blue Bridge OIEO £160,000

• Detached property
• Two bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen/diner
• Re-fitted bathroom
• Rear garden and garage

Potterspury Offers Over £150,000

• Well presented • Two bedroom
• Semi detached bungalow
• Double glazing
• Off road parking
• Utility room
• Garage and gardens
• Viewing recommended

Two Mile Ash Guide Price £125,000

•Recently Updated Terraced Home
•Two Bedrooms
• Lounge with Spiral Staircase
•Kitchen/Diner
•Front & Rear Garden

New Bradwell £169,995

• Well Presented
• Victorian Style
• Terraced
• Three Bedrooms
• Gas to Radiator Heating

Wolverton Mill Guide Price £130,000

•Apartment
•Two Bedrooms
•En Suite
•One Reception Room
•Allocated Parking

Castlethorpe Guide Price £270,000

• Detached bungalow
• Self contained annexe
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Conservatory
• Off road parking
• Must Be Viewed!

Old Stratford £225,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Refitted Bathroom
• Refitted Kitchen
• Two Reception Rooms
• Garden
• Off Road Parking

Wolverton Mill OIEO £145,000

• Well Presented
• Two Bedroom
• Ground Floor Apartment
• En Suite to Master
• Allocated Parking
• No Upper Chain

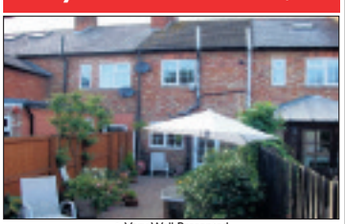
Wolverton Guide Price £140,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Kitchen
• Garden

Castlethorpe OIEO £165,000

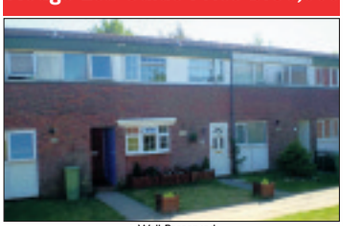
•Semi Detached
•Two Bedrooms
•Refitted Kitchen
•Refitted Bathroom
•Two Reception Rooms
•Garden
•No Upper Chain

Stony Stratford £165,000



• Very Well Presented
• Two Bedroom Cottage
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Off Road Parking
• Rear Garden

Hodge Lea Guide Price £130,000



• Well Presented
• Mid Terrace
• Three Bedrooms
• Double Glazing
• Conservatory
• Gardens

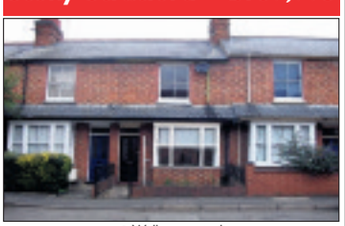
Stacey Bushes OIEO £130,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Double Glazing
• Gas Central Heating
• Garden
• Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £285,000

• Well Presented
• Four Bedroom Semi Detached
• En Suite to Master
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking
• Garage

Stony Stratford £189,995



• Well presented
• Updated terraced home
• Separate receptions
• Refitted bathroom
• Garage and gardens
• Internal viewing recommended

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Newport Pagnell £165,000

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached
• Refitted Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Separate W.C
• Gardens
• Viewing Recommened

Bozeat £130,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Semi Detached
• One Reception Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking
• Single Garage

Yardley Hastings Guide Price £125,000

• Character property
• Two bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances
• Refitted bathroom
• Double glazing
• Gas to radiator heating

Newport Pagnell £200,000

• Four Bedroom Semi Detached
• Cloakroom
• Lounge/Diner
• Extended Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Front & Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £150,000

• Two bedrooms
• Lounge
• Kitchen/diner
• Garage
• Gardens

Olney £182,500

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden
• Garage

Turvey £425,000

• Executive Style
• Four Bedrooms
• Two En-Suites
• Conservatory
• Detached Double Garage
• Gardens
• No Upper Chain

Newport Pagnell £160,000

• Windsor Avenue
• Two Bedroom Terraced Property
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Dining Room
• Two Conservatories
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden

Lavendon £230,000

• Three Bedroom Detached Chalet Style Property
• Cloakroom
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden
• Garage
• Driveway

Lavendon £159,995

• Two Bedroom Terraced House
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Front & Rear Garden
• Allocated Parking

Newport Pagnell £160,000

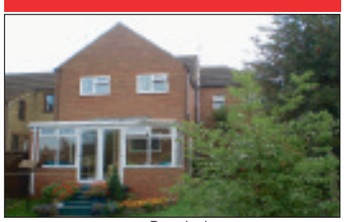
• Three Bedrooms
• End of Terrace
• Lounge
• Dining Room/Utility
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden
• Garage and Off Road Parking

Urgently required three bedroom houses in Green Park as we have clients waiting

Olney £220,000

• Victorian Style Property
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Conservatory
• Loft Room
• Garden

Bozeat Guide Price £250,000



• Detached
• Character property
• Five bedrooms
• Extended by current vendors
• Garden
• Private parking

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VIEW HOME RELEASED FOR SALE £339,995

Rarely available and ready now, a brand new two storey 4 bedroom detached with detached garage and drive, set on a South Westerly plot in East Milton Keynes. Offering 3/4 receptions and en suites to 2 of the bedrooms, with the master having a dressing room as well. The property also has patio doors from two different rooms onto a professionally planted and landscaped garden. Ready now with the benefit of Part Exchange and carpets. Situated in a popular location with quick access to the M1, Kingston Centre, schools, doctors and parkland.

EXECUTIVE • LUXURIOUS • PRESTIGIOUS

5 or 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms

Such items as under floor heating

Granite worktops to luxury kitchens

Nearly new

£600,000

Rarely available

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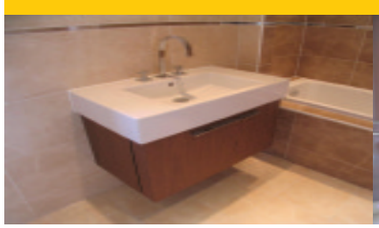

SHOWHOME FOR SALE £249,950

If you like the benefits of an ex-show home, this is a rare opportunity. A superb family sized home with 4 double bedrooms, 3 bathroom and a huge 25'11" double aspect living room. The benefits of the show home include extras such as wardrobes, carpets, light fittings and alarm. Ready Now. Key in the office. Set on a development that runs along the Grand Union canal park. Ideal access to A5 and A4146 trunk roads.

THREE BEDROOMS AND A STUDY £220,000

Set over two floors with generous bedrooms and en-suite from the master. Outside a double length drive passes under bedroom two to the garage. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1. Reduced price, call to book a viewing today.

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Oxley Park £795pcm
NEW

•Fully furnished 2 double bedroom coachouse
•Situated in the newly built area of Oxley Park
•Available immediately
•Must be viewed!!

Fishermead £695pcm
NEW

•Three double bedroom property
•Situated in close proximity to Central Milton Keynes shopping centre
•The property is ideal for commuters as it is located approx 2 miles from the central train station
•Offered unfurnished and is available immediately!
•Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924

Bradville £775pcm
NEW

•Well presented three double bedroom property
•Downstairs toilet
•Kitchen •Lounge/diner
•Garden and carport
•Offered furnished and is available immediately
•Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924
•An internal viewing is highly recommended!

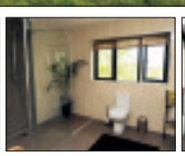
Grange Farm £750pcm
NEW

•Two double bedroom apartment
•Situated in the popular Grange Farm area of Milton Keynes
•Offered unfurnished and is available immediately
•Please call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924 to arrange a viewing!

Bradville £750pcm
NEW

•Four bedroom property
•Lounge
•Dining room
•Conservatory
•Kitchen
•Unfurnished and is available immediately
•Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924 to arrange a viewing!

Emberton £3,500



•Stunning self-build property
•Located on the outskirts of the idyllic village of Emberton
•Only 1 mile from the market town of Olney
•Kitchen/breakfast/family room
•Separate receptions and study
•Four double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms

Neath Hill £650pcm

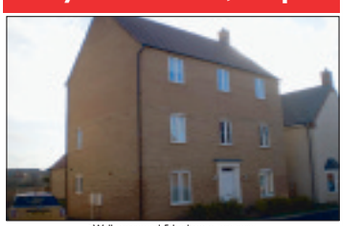
• First floor maisonette
• Two double bedrooms
• Lounge/diner
• Kitchen
• Garage and garden
• Available immediately

Fishermead £650pcm
NEW PRICE

•Spacious 3 bedroom property
•Situated in the Central location of Fishermead
•The property is part furnished
•Available from September
•Call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924

Bletchley £750pcm
NEW

•Newly built 2 bedroom property
•Situated in the "Mossmans Close" area of Bletchley
•The property is unfurnished and available immediately
•Must be seen

Oxley Park £1,695pcm

•Well presented 5 bedroom property
•Off road parking, gardens
•Large bedrooms
•Kitchen/breakfast room
•Utility room and downstairs cloakroom
•2 en suite bathrooms
•The property is set over three levels
•Available Now!

New Bradwell £680pcm
NEW

•Two double bedroom property
•Situated in the popular area of New Bradwell
•Open plan lounge/kitchen
•En suite to master bedroom
•Allocated parking
•Offered with optional furnishing and is available immediately!
•Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924 to arrange a viewing!

Broughton £1,200pcm
NEW

•Four bedroom detached property
•Lounge •Dining room
•Kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, downstairs toilet
•En suite to master, family bathroom
•Garage and gardens
•Offered unfurnished and is available from 3rd November 2010
•Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924 to arrange a viewing!

Oakhill £1,695pcm
NEW

•Stunning five double bedroom detached property
•Family room •Dining room
•Kitchen with integrated appliances
•Downstairs shower room •Utility room
•Lounge/diner with balcony overlooking trees
•Master bedroom with ensuite •Second bedroom with ensuite
•Double garage and gardens
•Call the Lettings Team now on 01908 393924!!

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DOUBLE GLAZING
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VERY WELL PRESENTED
FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
FOUR RECEPTIONS
THREE BEDROOM
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING
SINGLE GARAGE

TINKERS BRIDGE £92,000

ONE BEDROOM END OF TERRACE
MUCH IMPROVED
REFITTED KITCHEN
REFITTED BATHROOM
CONSERVATORY
ENCLOSED GARDEN
VIEWING RECOMMENDED

NORTH ROW £144,995

TWO BEDROOM
APARTMENT
CENTRAL LOCATION
LOUNGE
KITCHEN
BATHROOM

BRADVILLE £139,000

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR
SINGLE GARAGE AND A DRIVEWAY
VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

FULLERS SLADE £105,000

THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY
TOWN HOUSE
CLOAKROOM
GAS RADIATOR HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
OFF ROAD PARKING
GARDENS

MONKSTON PARK £275,000

FIVE BEDROOM
THREE STOREY
SEMI DETACHED HOME
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
EN SUITE TO MASTER
JACK AND JILL EN SUITE TO BEDROOM TWO AND THREE
GARDENS AND GARAGE

WOLVERTON MILL GUIDE PRICE £130,000

2 BEDROOM
FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
LOUNGE/DINER
KITCHEN
EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
ALLOCATED PARKING

MR A IS LOOKING FOR A THREE OR FOUR BED IN MONKSTON, MONKSTON PARK OR MIDDLETON CAN YOU HELP?

COFFEE HALL £115,000

THREE BEDROOM TERRACED
CLOAKROOM
KITCHEN/DINING ROOM/LOUNGE
CONSERVATORY
BATHROOM
FRONT & REAR GARDEN

STANTONBURY £153,000

EXTENDED DETACHED PROPERTY
THREE BEDROOMS
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR
SINGLE GARAGE

DOWNS BARN £155,000

WELL PRESENTED
THREE BEDROOM HOME
GAS RADIATOR HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
CLOAKROOM
GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING

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HEELANDS £157,995

THREE BEDROOM
END OF TERRACE
CONVERTED FOR DISABLED ACCESS
SEPARATE RECEPTIONS
WET ROOM
GARDENS OFF ROAD PARKING

MRS C IS A FIRST TIME BUYER LOOKING FOR A THREE BEDROOM HOUSE IN THE SHENLEY'S UP TO £210,000 CAN YOU HELP?

TATTENHOE GUIDE PRICE £190,000

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END TERRACE
LOUNGE
KITCHEN
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GARDENS
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OLNEY £260,000

FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
KITCHEN
UTILITY ROOM
ENSUITE
FRONT & REAR GARDEN

URGENTLY REQUIRED, WE CURRENTLY HAVE MR AND MRS S WHO HAVE SSTC AND ARE LOOKING FOR A LARGE FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY IN OLNEY. CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE CALL 01234 711481

WILLEN £350,000

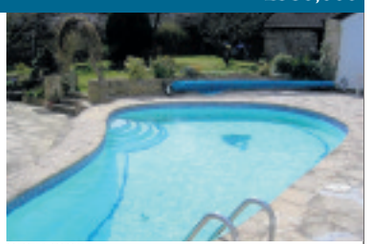
DETACHED HOUSE
FOUR BEDROOMS
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
REFITTED KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
REFITTED WC
ENSUITE
GARDEN

SHERINGTON £285,000

LINK DETACHED
FIVE BEDROOMS
ENSUITE
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
GARAGE
GARDEN

BOZEAT £380,000

COTTAGE
FOUR BEDROOMS
ENSUITE



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SEMI CONVERTED LOFT SPACE
STONE OUTBUILDING

NEWPORT PAGNELL GUIDE PRICE £175,000

THREE BEDROOMS
REFITTED KITCHEN
ONE RECEPTION ROOM
GARDEN
GARAGE

NEWPORT PAGNELL OIEO £160,000

STAGGERED TERRACED HOME
THREE BEDROOMS
RE-FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
CONSERVATORY
GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR
GARAGE
CALL 01908 611388

YARDLEY HASTINGS OIEO £360,000

NEWLY BUILT DETACHED PROPERTY
FOUR BEDROOMS
CONSERVATORY

TWO EN SUITES
DOUBLE GARAGE
BACKING ONTO PADDOCKS

POETS AREA £190,000

THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY
LOUNGE
KITCHEN/DINING AREA
CONSERVATORY
REFITTED BATHROOM
DRIVEWAY, GARAGE AND GARDENS
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LOUNGE/DINER
KITCHEN
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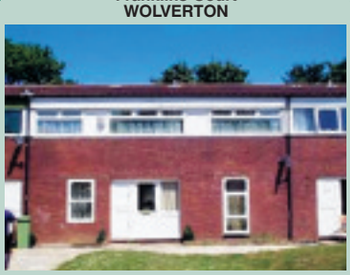

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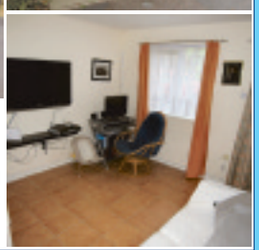
Blue Bridge £183,995

A two bedroom detached bungalow, situated within a small cul-de-sac, backing onto trees. The property has a garage, a conservatory and is offered for sale with vacant possession. Secondary double glazing has been installed, the kitchen has been refitted and a new shower room fitted.

Great Holm £189,950

A three bedroom semi detached property which is, in our opinion presented in excellent condition throughout. The kitchen and bathroom have been refitted, PVCu double glazing installed and a conservatory added to the rear. The property has a separate dining room and a single garage to the side.



Bradwell £110,000

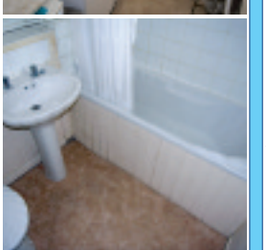
A one bedroom end of terrace property. The property has had PVCu double glazing installed and both the kitchen and bathroom have been refitted. There is an enclosed garden and off road parking. In our opinion an ideal first time or buy to let purchase.

Neath Hill £199,995

An extended three bedroom property offered for sale in fantastic condition. The property has been extended to the front to increase the size of the entrance hall and give a utility/downstairs cloakroom. The current owners have undergone an extensive programme of refurbishment to include the refitting of the kitchen, bathroom and ensuite shower room and the installation of PVCu double glazing. The back garden has been landscaped and a viewing is highly recommended on this property.

Giffard Park £234,500

A three bedroom detached situated in Giffard Park, an area which is located alongside the Grand Union Canal. The property has a separate dining room, a downstairs cloakroom, two double bedrooms and an ensuite shower room. All but two of the windows have been replaced with PVCu double glazed units and there is a garage and, in our opinion a private rear garden.

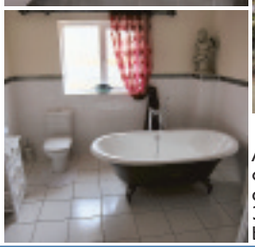


Bradwell Common £100,000

A two bedroom maisonette located with easy access to the city centre and railway station. The accommodation is on the first and second floors and has gas radiator central heating. It has been rented out for a number of years and is offered for sale with vacant possession.

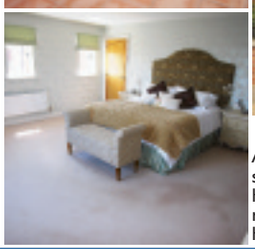
Middleton £210,000

A three bedroom semi detached property situated at the start of a cul de sac in the highly desirable area of Middleton. The property overlooks a small park to the front and benefits from a downstairs cloakroom and an ensuite shower room. There is a 15ft kitchen/diner with patio doors leading to the rear garden and built in wardrobes to bedroom one.The accommodation briefly comprises:- entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with an ensuite shower room to bedroom one, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage.



Oakhill £450,000

A six bedroom detached property approached by a private driveway at the end of a cul-de-sac. The driveway provides parking for several cars and leads to a detached double garage. The accommodation is on three floors and includes a 30' kitchen/diner/family room, a master suite with dressing room and ensuite bathroom and a study.

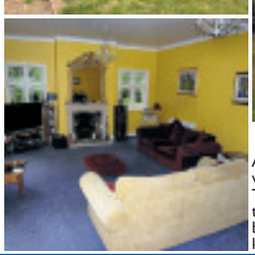


Broughton £650,000

A five bedroom detached property offered for sale in fantastic condition and situated in Broughton Village with a large open area to the front. The property has 4 reception rooms and 3 ensuite shower rooms and a large kitchen/breakfast room that overlooks the private garden to the rear. The master bedroom also has a dressing area and all bedrooms have fitted wardrobes.

Willen £445,000

A five bedroom detached property situated within this popular area, close to Willen Lake. The property has been extended; adding a new master bedroom with ensuite, a third reception room, a double garage and enlarging the kitchen. The bathroom, kitchen, cloakroom and ensuite have all been refitted and a conservatory added.



Aspley Heath £995,000

A substantial detached property situated at the end of Church Road, diagonally opposite the woods. The current owners have extended the property to create versatile accommodation. There is potential for a ground floor annexe and a first floor bedroom suite comprising of three rooms and a shower room. A refurbishment programme has been started with all bathrooms having been refitted. There is however scope for further improvement with the kitchen in particular having potential for enlarging and refitting.

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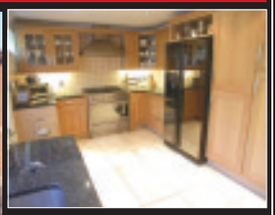
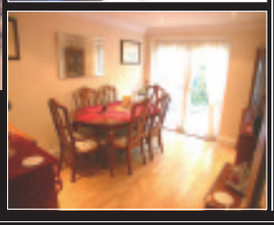

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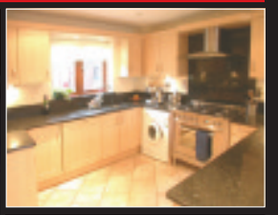
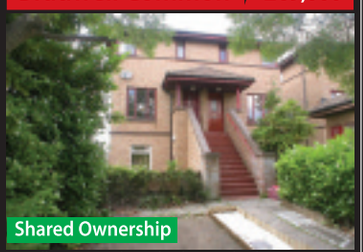
Broughton £324,000



A spacious modern five bedroom detached house situated overlooking the brook.

■ Entrance hall ■ Cloakroom WC ■ Lounge/dining room
■ Kitchen/breakfast room ■ Double master bedroom
■ Bathroom ■ Garage ■ Front and rear gardens ■ Driveway

Bradwell Common £69,000



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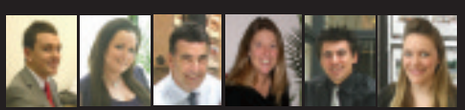

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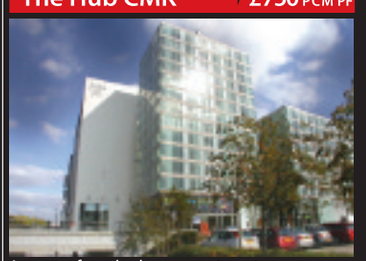

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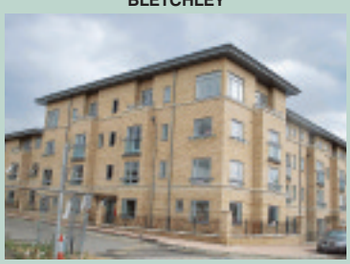

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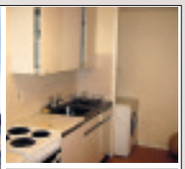
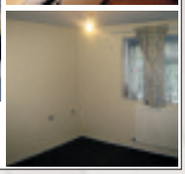

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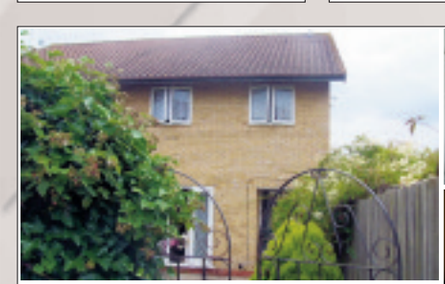

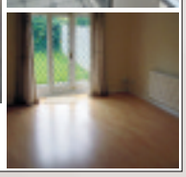

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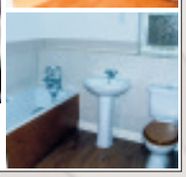

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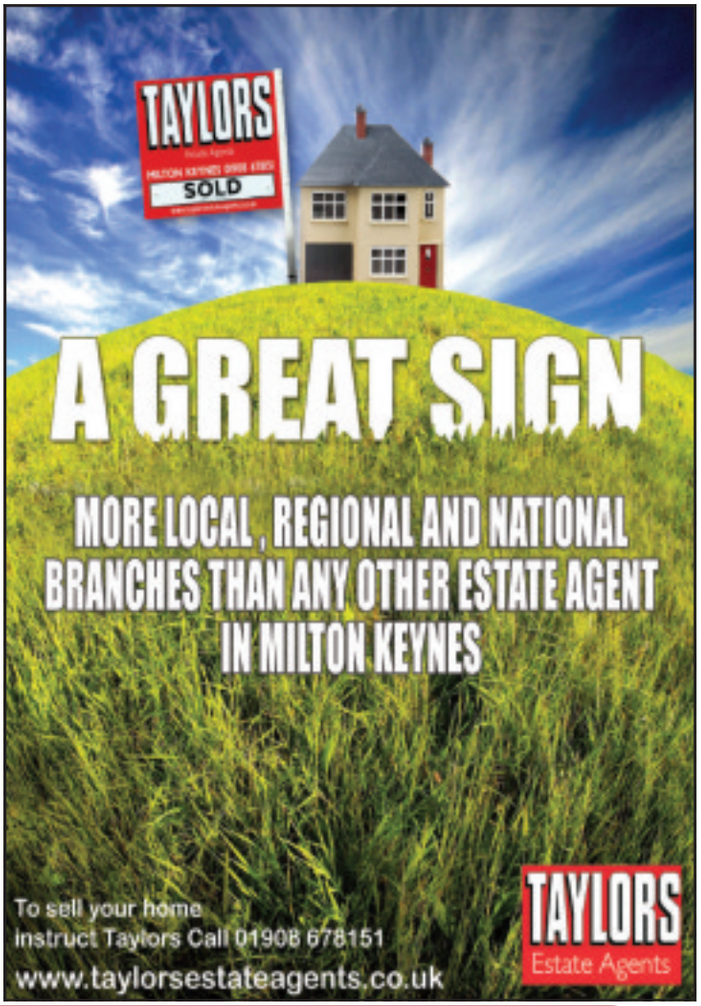

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Responsibilities include:

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The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced CRB will be required.

If you want to join our school, details and an application form are available on our website www.ousedale.org.uk via email to recruitment@ousedale.org.uk or by applying to Mrs Sue Carbert, Headteacher at the address shown below.

Closing date: 4 p.m. Monday 4th October 2010

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Headteacher: Mrs S Carbert

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Closing Date: Thursday 30th September 2010.

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To discuss further please contact Cath Clark.

Closing Date: Friday 1st October 2010, Noon. Interview Date: Friday 15th October 2010.

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Closing Date: Friday 1st October 2010, noon. Interview Date: Wednesday 6th October 2010.

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- Trainer Technician: Cleaning Support
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Open Day at HMYOI Littlehey: Saturday 25th September 2010 from 10.00am – 2.00pm

Closing date for all positions: Wednesday 6th October 2010

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced CRB check.

For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs M Randall, St. Gregory's Catholic Middle School, Biddenham Turn, Bedford, MK40 4AT. Tel: 01234 268649.

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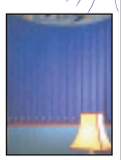

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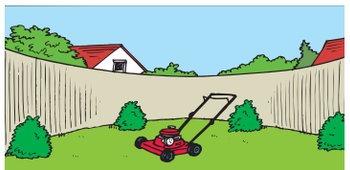

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Public Notices

Licensing Act 2003
Notice of application to vary a Premises Licence
Oak Tree, London Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes, MK5 8AB

Notice is hereby given that Orchid Pubs & Restaurant Limited has applied to Milton Keynes Council to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The proposed variation is:-

To vary the layout of the premises in accordance with the plans submitted. To shorten the bar servery to allow for new carvery pods. New screens shall be added to the dining area and the removal of some double doors in transitional area. General redecoration and refurbishment throughout.

Permitted hours and licensable activities remain the same.

The full application is held by the Licensing Authority and can be inspected at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HH during normal office hours (ring in advance for appointment).

Interested parties or responsible authorities can make representations by 17th October 2010. All representations must be made in writing, detailing the grounds of objection to the Licensing Authority at the above address. The Licensing Authority will have regard for any such representation when considering the application.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

(THORN ROAD, HOUGHTON REGIS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of Thorn Road, Houghton Regis.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway maintenance works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on ONE DAY between Monday 27 September and Friday 1 October 2010 between 9.00am and 3.30pm. A specific date will be advertised on site closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the Order are:-

Proceed south on A5, continuing to junction with A5120, Houghton Road, Dunstable. Turn left and continue on A5120, turning left at signalled junction. Continue north to junction with Thorn Road and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 27 September 2010 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above*, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049

(CHURCH STREET, DUNSTABLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Dunstable and any pedestrian from proceeding on foot along that length of footway on Church Street, Dunstable which extends from its junction with Station Road to its junction with Boscombe Road access road.

This temporary closure is required to enable demolition of the old bridge and reinstallation of a new bridge to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

It is expected that the works will take place on a minimum of TWO WEEKENDS during the period between Monday 1 October 2010 and Thursday 1 March 2012. Closure times will be from 10.00pm on Friday until 4.00am on Monday each weekend closure. No access during the weekend closures. Specific dates will be advertised on site closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the Order are:-

Proceed north on Boscombe Road to roundabout with Porz Avenue. Take 2nd exit and continue on Porz Avenue to roundabout with Poynters Road. Take 1st exit and 1st exit at next roundabout and continue on Park Road North to roundabout with East End. Take 1st exit and continue on East End and then High Street, Houghton Regis to junction with A5 High Street North, Dunstable. Turn left and continue on A5 to junction with A505 Church Street. Turn left and continue on Church Street to junction with Station Road and site and vice versa except follow one way system at Boscombe Road, A505 junction.

There is no alternative footway route available for pedestrians, however it is hoped that the contractor will make alternative arrangements for pedestrians nearer the time.

The Order will come into operation on 1 October 2010 for a period of eighteen months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above*, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Ian Grant, BAM Nutall Ltd, Tel: 01442 874618

DATED 22 September 2010

Central Bedfordshire Council
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Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for

LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that Thai on the River (Canary Wharf) Ltd has applied to Milton Keynes Council to vary the Premises License in respect of V Lounge and My China, Units 2 & 3, 475 Lower Twelfth Street, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3PW. The variation is to extend hours for licensable activities to 11:00-00:00 Monday to Wednesday, 11:00-02:00 Thursdays, 11:00-03:00 Friday & Saturday and 12:00-00:00 Sundays. Licensable activities include supply of alcohol, provision of regulated entertainment and entertainment facilities, late night refreshment and performance of dance. Application is also made to enable supply and consumption of alcohol and food in outside seating area beyond 23:00 hrs and to permit glass bottles in outside area. A record of the application is available from the Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HH (www.mkweb.co.uk/licensing). The Register can be viewed Monday to Thursday 09:00-17:00, and Friday 09:00-16:00, except Bank Holidays. Any persons wishing to submit representations concerning application must do so in writing to above address by 14th October 2010. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A509 PORTWAY INTERCHANGE MILTON KEYNES TO A508 OLD STRATFORD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in the Borough of Milton Keynes and the County of Northamptonshire to allow for repairs to the centre joint of the carriageway, between Portway and Old Stratford, to be carried out in safety.

It is expected that the works will take place over 8 nights (8pm – 6am Mondays to Thursdays and 9pm – 6am Fridays) starting on, or after, Monday 4 October 2010.

The effect of the Order will be to close the A5 –

1. from its junctions with the northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at the A509 Portway Interchange to its junction with the A508 Old Stratford Roundabout, and
2. northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads at the A509 Portway Interchange and the northbound and southbound entry and exit slip roads at the A422 Monks Way Interchange.

For the duration of the works all lay-bys adjacent to the above length of trunk road will remain closed for 24 hours a day.

The works will be undertaken in 4 phases –

- **phase 1** northbound from Portway Interchange to Monks Way Interchange, diverting traffic west along the H5 Portway to V4 Watling Street then north onto H3 Monks Way where they will turn east to return to Monks Way Interchange; and vice versa southbound for **phase 4**, and
- **phase 2** northbound from Monks Way Interchange to Old Stratford Roundabout, diverting traffic west along the H3 Monks Way to V4 Watling Street then north along Queen Eleanor Street, London Road and Towcester Road to return to Old Stratford Roundabout; and vice versa southbound for **phase 3.**

The closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter service maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs for the duration of the works.

The Order will come into force on 27 September 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Nick Cook at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796040.

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PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
and/or
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. All letters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Most simple and straightforward applications are delegated to me to decide but, when the application is determined by the Council's Development Management Committee, you may make your views known by speaking at the Committee meeting. Should the application/s on which you wish to comment be one/s which will be determined by the Development Management Committee and if you wish to present your views in person to the Committee as well as in writing, please say so clearly in your representations and I will send you details of how to proceed as soon as the Committee date is known.

Assistant Director Development Management
19 September 2010

APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03189/FULL Affects Listed Building/ Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Temporary infill of swimming pool to create a level surface with new landscaping finish, remove existing fence, retaining walls and trees, grade existing landscaping.
LOCATION:	Ashton Middle School, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1NH
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/02807/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of new three storey extension to provide reception, offices lift and medical room
LOCATION:	Arnold Middle School, Hexton Road, Barton le Clay, Bedford, MK45 4JZ
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03217/FULL Departure from Dev. Plan/Gen. Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Retention of Gypsy caravan site for 7 families with a total of two static caravans and six touring caravans including hardstanding and landscaping
LOCATION:	Site A, The Stables, Stanbridge Road, Great Billington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9JH
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03342/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of use from A1/A2 to mixed use A1/D1
LOCATION:	18 Church Street, Dunstable, LU5 4RU
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03374/LB Departure/ListedBuilding/ ConservArea
PROPOSAL:	Retention of storage container unit in car park
LOCATION:	Old Palace Lodge, Church Street, Dunstable, LU5 4RT
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03015/FULL Affects Public Right of Way
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey side extension and front porch
LOCATION:	5 Stockdale, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6EB
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/03031/FULL Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Change of use of annex to a holiday let involving removal of condition no.2 of planning permission SB/02/00022
LOCATION:	Annexe at, Caradoc, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3HT
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PROPOSAL:	Erection of a 2.3 MW wind turbine (108m high to top of hub, 149m high to tip of rotor) including access and associated infrastructure.
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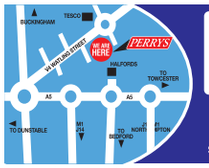

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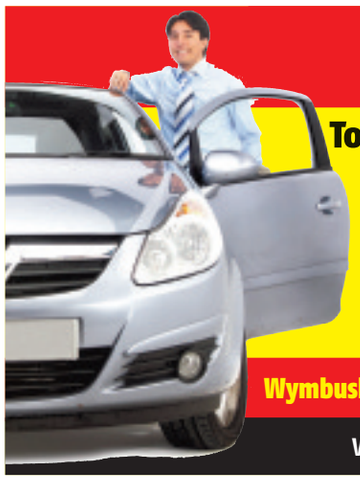

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ON A CHARGE: Mark Webber

Webber's team mate Sebastian Vettel is also looking for a strong showing after an important fourth placed finish in the Italian Grand Prix two weeks ago.

The 23-year-old German has failed to make his impressive qualifying results count on race day and therefore looks out of the battle for the championship.

Phantoms claim Ashes in season preparations

THIS weekend MK Lightning will begin the defence of their English Ice Hockey Premier League title when the season starts.

In the last campaign, Lightning got their hands on the championship for the third time in seven years and they will be out to retain it when they start the new term at home to Manchester Phoenix.

Lightning's preparations have not been ideal as they lost out in 'The Ashes' to rivals Peterborough Phantoms.

The Ashes, a two-legged friendly, is a competition that started between MK and Peterborough in 2007.

The ashes at stake are those of the equipment of former Lightning players James Morgan and Dwyane Newman, who both went on to play for the Phantoms.

Lightning were in a strong position to take the Ashes and the bragging rights as they held a slender 5-4 advantage at the end of the first leg.

The Phantoms started the stronger side at Planet Ice with a Steve Duncombe opening the scoring after 15:48, but Lightning got back on level terms with just 24 seconds on the clock in the second period when Andre Smulter netted from Lukas Zatopek's assist.

The home side then took control of the game by netting three goals in as many minutes.

GOAL MOUTH SCRAMBLE: Action infont of the Peterborough net as the Phantoms claim the Ashes as the Lightning prepare for their season opener against Manchester Phoenix

Picture courtesy of Jez Tibbett

Adam Brittle struck twice before Andre Smulter added Lightning's fourth in a dominate spell for Nick Poole's men.

But Peterborough kept themselves in the match with goals coming from Jeff Glowa, Joe Miller and Maris Ziedins.

Yet Lightning were able to carry a single goal advantage in to the second-leg thanks to captain Adam Carr.

That lead was extended to two when Matt Towalski made a power play count and slotted home after 12:47.

Phantoms hit back early in the second period through Morgan but it was in the final 20 minutes that they won the game. Shaun Yardkey tied the aggregate scores before ill discipline cost Lightning as just three of their players faced four of the Phantoms' in the last 90 seconds.

And that created space for Joe Miller to fire in the winner for the Phantoms.

Lightning may have lost the bragging rights but that will all be forgotten if they get off to a winning start in the EPL.

ON Saturday Lightning host Manchester Phoenix at Planet Ice with face-off at 7pm, and on Sunday they travel to Bracknell Bees, face-off 6pm.

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	
28	Charlton	A	

October

2	Colchester	H
9	Dag & Red	H
16	Bournemouth	A
23	Exeter	H
30	Tranmere	A

November

2	Yeovil	H
6	FA Cup First Round	
13	Brentford	A
20	Sheff Wed	H
23	Huddersfield	A

December

4	Plymouth	H
11	Notts County	A
18	Oldham	H
26	Leyton Orient	A
28	Bournemouth	H

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H
3	Yeovil	A
8	Exeter	A
15	Tranmere	H
22	Dag & Red	A
29	Leyton Orient	H

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
19	Hartlepool	A
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
19	Peterborough	H
26	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

SINCE my last column we've played two very good sides in the league and come away with four points.

We were disappointed not to take maximum points but both performances were fantastic and we had great support from our fans.

The fans have been brilliant this past week in creating a fantastic atmosphere, even though the crowd size hasn't been at its best, and they were really pushing us for that winning goal against Rochdale.

Unfortunately it didn't come, Jermaine Easter had a couple of chances but it wasn't to be for him on the day.

I've worked with a lot of top strikers in my time - I remember when I first worked with Robbie Keane. There was a lot of expectation on the lad and it actually took him some time to settle down.

I don't think Jermaine's confidence will take a knock, he'll just be looking to score a few in the league, maybe he just needs a slice of luck to get going and then he'll be unstoppable.

I think we'll look back at the point against Rochdale as an important one.

We had played Southampton on the Wednesday so Rochdale went in to it fresher than us yet in the final stages we looked much fitter and stronger than them.

The draw meant we were unable to climb above Peterborough but it's still early days and we're still in the pack.

We're now looking forward to the derby with Peterborough, we know it means a lot to the fans because there's a lot of rivalry between the two sides.

I've been involved in some fantastic derbies in my time, the one that stands out for me is the Old Firm derby between Celtic and Rangers mainly because I'm still a fan.

And there was always something special about the matches between Tottenham and Arsenal - I was lucky to be involved in those games as a player and as part of the coaching set-up.

A derby is always a big occasion and we'll do our best to make sure our fans have the bragging rights.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Huddersfield	7	2	2	0	9	5	2	0	1	7	5	6	14
2	Brighton	7	2	1	0	6	3	2	1	1	4	2	5	14
3	Peterborough	7	3	0	0	12	4	1	1	2	6	8	6	13
4	Carlisle	7	2	2	0	6	1	1	2	0	3	2	6	13
5	MK DONS	7	3	1	0	6	2	1	0	2	3	7	0	13
6	Rochdale	7	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	0	8	4	4	12
7	Oldham	7	2	2	0	6	2	1	1	1	5	7	2	12
8	Bournemouth	7	2	1	0	11	4	1	1	2	6	5	8	11
9	Colchester	7	0	3	0	3	3	2	2	0	5	3	2	11
10	Charlton	7	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	2	5	6	1	11
11	Sheff Wed	7	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	2	8	5	5	10
12	Exeter	7	1	3	0	7	6	1	1	1	4	6	-1	10
13	Notts County	7	3	0	1	8	5	0	1	2	3	7	-1	10
14	Swindon	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	5	5	0	9
15	Bristol Rovers	7	1	1	1	2	5	1	2	1	6	6	-3	9
16	Plymouth	7	1	1	2	4	8	1	1	1	3	3	-4	8
17	Yeovil	7	2	0	1	5	4	0	1	3	3	10	-6	7
18	Walsall	7	1	0	3	4	6	1	0	2	5	6	-3	6
19	Brentford	7	1	1	2	3	5	0	2	1	1	3	-4	6
20	Hartlepool	7	0	1	2	4	10	1	2	1	2	1	-5	6
21	Tranmere	7	1	1	2	3	6	0	2	1	3	5	-5	6
22	Southampton	7	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	2	4	3	-2	5
23	Dag & Red	7	1	2	1	5	6	0	0	3	0	6	-7	5
24	Leyton Orient	7	1	0	2	5	5	0	1	3	4	8	-4	4

It was all over

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possession into goals as the home side – as expected – had their hold on the game from the offset and the Dons almost played themselves in to danger when Mathias Kouo-Doumbe failed to deal with a ball played in to the box which allowed Nikola Zigic to force his way through.

As the big striker tried to find a better position before shooting the eager David Martin took a risk in leaving his line to force Zigic to the byline with no option at goal.

The Dons were under pressure and spent a lot of time in their own half chasing the ball – but when they did break it was Angelo Balanta who looked the most lively.

However, the Blues' class shone through as Dons were cut open in a devastating four-minute spell.

The skilful Jean Beausejour was pivotal to everything creative from the Blues, and when he rode the challenge of Danny Woodards it allowed him to deliver the perfect ball for Hleb to strike with precision beyond Martin.

Two minutes later the Chilean winger showed a delightful touch as he controlled a long ball hit on the diagonal before chipping over the Dons defence to allow Zigic to finish.

And by the 28th minute the Dons found themselves 3-0 down as they discover the damage that comes from clinical finishing as Gardner, who had been on the pitch for five minutes after replacing the injured Michel, was found by Keith Fahey and he fired home from 25-yards.

Despite the costly spell the Dons appeared to find some rhythm to their game as the half went on with Dean Lewington going close with two strong headers.

Lewis Guy, threaded through by Jabo Ibehre – introduced for Balanta midway through the half – had a shot blocked by goalkeeper Maik Taylor.

When the two sides returned after the interval the Dons handed Gary MacKenzie his first appearance for the club when he replaced Sean O'Hanlon.

Dons needed to find an early goal if they were going to mount a comeback and Mark Carrington came close with a curling shot from the edge of the 18-yard box which was well tipped away by Taylor.

For their dominating scoreline, Birmingham created little in the early phases of the second half.

Instead it was the Dons carving opportunities, although when Guy chose to cut in from the right and shoot on sight the City keeper never looked to be troubled in his collection.

Birmingham had a subs bench packed with talent and experience, none more so than Kevin Phillips who, with 23 minutes remaining, entered the field to cause the Dons problems.

And he did just that when he broke upfield to bring Stuart Parnaby into play whose perfect cross failed to find the net as Zigic nodded wide and then threw the ball down in frustration at his miss.

Ten minutes from time Wilbraham managed to reward the 1,100-strong Dons fans – who sung their hearts out throughout – for their support as he netted his first goal of the season.

Guy delivered the cross in which Ibehre played to the feet of Wilbraham and the striker tucked the ball in to the bottom corner.

The Dons were unable to find the two more they needed to take the game in to extra-time, but could bow out of the competition with their heads held high.

NEVER SAY DIE: Angelo Balanta threads the ball through to try and create an opening for the Dons

BIRMINGHAM CITY: Taylor, Murphy, Johnson (c), Derbyshire, Michel (Gardner 23), Fahey, Zigic, Parnaby, Hleb (Phillips 67), Beausejour (Valles 59), Jiranek
Goals: Hleb 24, Zigic 26, Gardner 28

MK DONS: Martin, Lewington (c), Doumbe, O,Hanlon (MacKenzie 45), Easter (Wilbraham 65), Balanta (Ibehre 29), Carrington, Guy, Woodards, Leven, Chadwick.
Goal: Wilbraham 80

Referee: Stuart Attwell (Warwickshire)
Attendance: 9,450 (1164 away)

Point prevents Dons from taking top spot

MK DONS 1 Doumbe 28
ROCHDALE 1 Kennedy 20

MK DONS 2 Balanta 72, 87
SOUTHAMPTON 0

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A MISSED opportunity.

Three words that summed up MK Dons' weekend as they dropped their first points at home in a 1-1 draw with Rochdale.

A host full of match-winning chances fell to the Dons, including a free header for Jermaine Easter, but two points slipped by.

And with it so do did the opportunity to climb up the League One table.

With Peterborough, who started Saturday at the top of the table, held to a draw by Exeter, the Dons could have gone top had they recorded victory against Rochdale.

Dons had to come from behind to take a point as Mathias Doumbe cancelled out Jason Kennedy's opener.

Karl Robinson could not hide his disappointment at the full-time whistle, he said: "I thought we dominated the game and had one or two gilt-edged chances to beat a very good side. They're up near the top of the league for a good reason and I thought we made them look distinctly average at times.

"It was just one of those days, with the chances Jermaine had, Jabo Ibehre had one too, Lewis Guy had one where the 'keeper just beat him to it - we had energy and enthusiasm, but not that second goal."

It came just days after the Dons broke their duck against Southampton with an impressive 2-0 win.

After Southampton had a fair share of chances in the first half it was the Dons that bossed the second half.

Winger Angelo Balanta came off the bench to break the deadlock before Peter Leven added a second three minutes from time.

Robinson described it as "a very good win against a very good side".

■ Jemal Johnson has joined Port Vale on a month-long loan.

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REARGUARD ACTION: MK Dons' Dean Lewington heads away to deny City's Alexander Hleb

MKSPORTSRUGBY ROUND UP

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST

READING ABBEY 20
OLNEY 23

OLNEY notched up their third win of the season away at Reading Abbey to remain second in the table.

The home side took an early lead with a penalty from inside their own twenty-two but Olney hit back with two tries.

The first came from winger James Hannah after an attacking line-out was spun out wide to him and the other came from fly half Mark Marwood, a new recruit to Olney this season.

The second half saw Reading Abbey dominate with score after score as they registered 20 points on the board.

Yet, Olney rallied and a combined drive forward resulted in Phil Berry scoring another try for the visitors.

Centre James Hawken converted one try and kicked two penalties to help Olney come from behind to win the game.

WALLINGFORD 12
BLETCHLEY 24

A BONUS point win helped Bletchley climb to fourth as they brushed aside Wallingford.

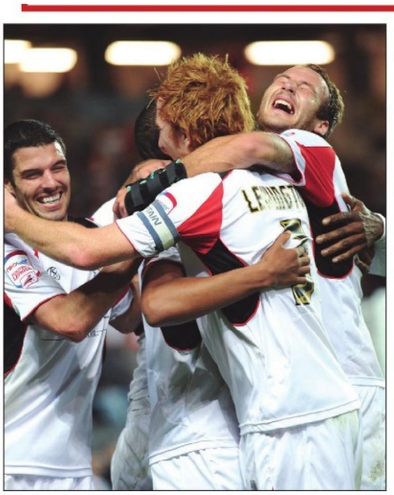
Bletchley withstood some early pressure from the home side before a line-out in the Wallingford 22-meter area saw the visitors drive on to the line and Phil Harman bagged a try before converting.

That lead was quickly extended to 12 points when George Harman crossed the line moments before Bletchley were reduced to 14 men.

Bletchley, back up to full strength, then had another man sent to the sin bin which proved costly as Wallingford grabbed two tries and one conversion to level the scores.

A third try came for Bletchley when Phil Harman was released down field to sprint over in the corner before adding the conversion.

The score of the match came late on when Bletchley's attack started in their own half, saw the ball pass through a number of hands, resulting in flanker Carl Miller grabbing Bletchley's fourth try.



GROUP HUG: Lewis Guy, Dean Lewington and Peter Leven mob Angelo Balanta after he scored

COMING UP

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

League One
Saturday, September 25
London Road KO 3pm

AFTER one year apart, MK Dons and Peterborough United will be reunited this Saturday.

The derby between the two sides was absent from last year's fixtures but Posh's relegation from the Championship ensured the two sides will once again battle it out.

Peterborough have enjoyed life back in League One with wins over Oldham, Plymouth and Huddersfield, but at the same time they have fallen to shock defeats at the hands of Bournemouth and Tranmere Rovers.

Their slip up at Exeter, where they drew 2-2 last weekend, cost them their place at the top of the table.

Posh were also in Carling Cup action last night, so both managers face the same task to ensure their players are fit for the game.

Dons have won three of the five games played at London Road.

COMING UP

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

League One
Tuesday, September 28
The Valley KO 7.45pm

DONS will want to banish any memories of their 5-1 thrashing when they return to The Valley.

It will be the third time in seven days that the Dons have been on the road.

Charlton have had a mixed bag of results to start the season with defeats at Huddersfield and Exeter, though they have picked up three wins in their seven games so far.

The 20-year-old winger Scott Wagstaff is the danger man for the Addicks after becoming a regular in the side. He has also started to chip in with some goals.

Prior to the match against the Dons, Phil Parkinson's Charlton team face struggling Dagenham and Redbridge.

The two sides will meet again in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round in a week's time.

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MK LIGHTNING

Lightning ready to defend title
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TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE: Aaron Wilbraham walks back to the centre spot after scoring a consolation 80th minute goal for the Dons

Dons left reeling by Blues triple blitz

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BIRMINGHAM CITY 3 MK DONS 1
Carling Cup - Third Round

A DEVASTATING four-minute spell saw Birmingham City dump MK Dons out of the Carling Cup at the third round stage.

Alex McLeish's Blues scored three goals in four first-half minutes to stun the Dons at St Andrew's last night. Alexander Hleb, Nikola Zigic and Craig Gardner were all on target for Birmingham, while Aaron Wilbraham grabbed a consolation late on for the League One side.

The scoreline in truth was perhaps a little flattering towards Birmingham as Karl Robinson's men more than held their own against the Premier League outfit – but Birmingham made sure a spot in the fourth round was theirs by converting their

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All is New as Lions hit court

A NEW look MK Lions will take to the court on Sunday as they embark on their hunt for silverware.

The city's basketball side's British Basketball League season does not start for another two weeks but first they have a chance to progress through the BBL Trophy competition.

Coach Mike New *(pictured)* who retired last season and took over the reigns from Vince Macaulay, will watch his new charges in action when they entertain Leicester Riders at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Sunday.

Lions are a much changed outfit to the one that lost in the play-off quarter finals to Sheffield Sharks in April.

New has spent the summer on a recruitment drive bringing in the likes of Stefan Gill, Travis Nelson, Lawrence Brown and Keith Darden.

In fact, only Yorick Williams, Robert Youngblood and Ishmael Fontaine remain on the roster from last season.

New, assisted by Roger Malpass and John Staudt, will be looking for the best of starts from his men.

The Lions will need to finish top of their group if they are to book themselves a spot in the semi-finals.

This season the BBL Trophy has reverted back to regional group stages for the opening round with the four group winners progressing through to the semi-final round.

Both the semi-finals and the final round of the competition will take place over two legs at the competing club venues in the first half of the season.

Lions are in Group 2 with Essex Pirates and Leicester Riders.

■ STOKE Mandeville Stadium is the venue for MK Lions' BBL Trophy match against Leicester Riders. Tip-off 5pm. Tickets are available from www.mklions.com

MENU

Canapé Reception

Baby Hotdogs with roasted Onions and Frenchys Mustard
Vodka cured Salmon Fillet served on Herb Ficelle, topped with Asparagus Spears and Sour Cream
Parmesan and Paprika Lollypops (v)
'Fish, Chips and Peas' - Beer battered Haddock with chunky Chips and a Pea Puree
Warm Crab and Gruyere Tart topped with Chive Sour Cream
Vegetable Rice Paper Rolls with aromatic Tofu and a Soy and Chilli dipping Sauce (v)

Starter

Poached Salmon and Prawn Tian
topped with Smoked Salmon and bound in a Lime scented Crème Fraiche
with a Watercress and Cucumber Salad and crisp Olive Ciabatta

Mediterranean Vegetable Tian
Pesto, Capsicum, Courgette and Aubergine with an olive ciabatta
And a salad of crumbed feta, rocket with a tomato dressing (v)

Mains

Char grilled Breast of Suffolk Chicken
Coated with a Tomato and Sage rub, served on a Bubble and Squeak Potato Cake
With sweet roasted Butternut, Courgette and Beetroot

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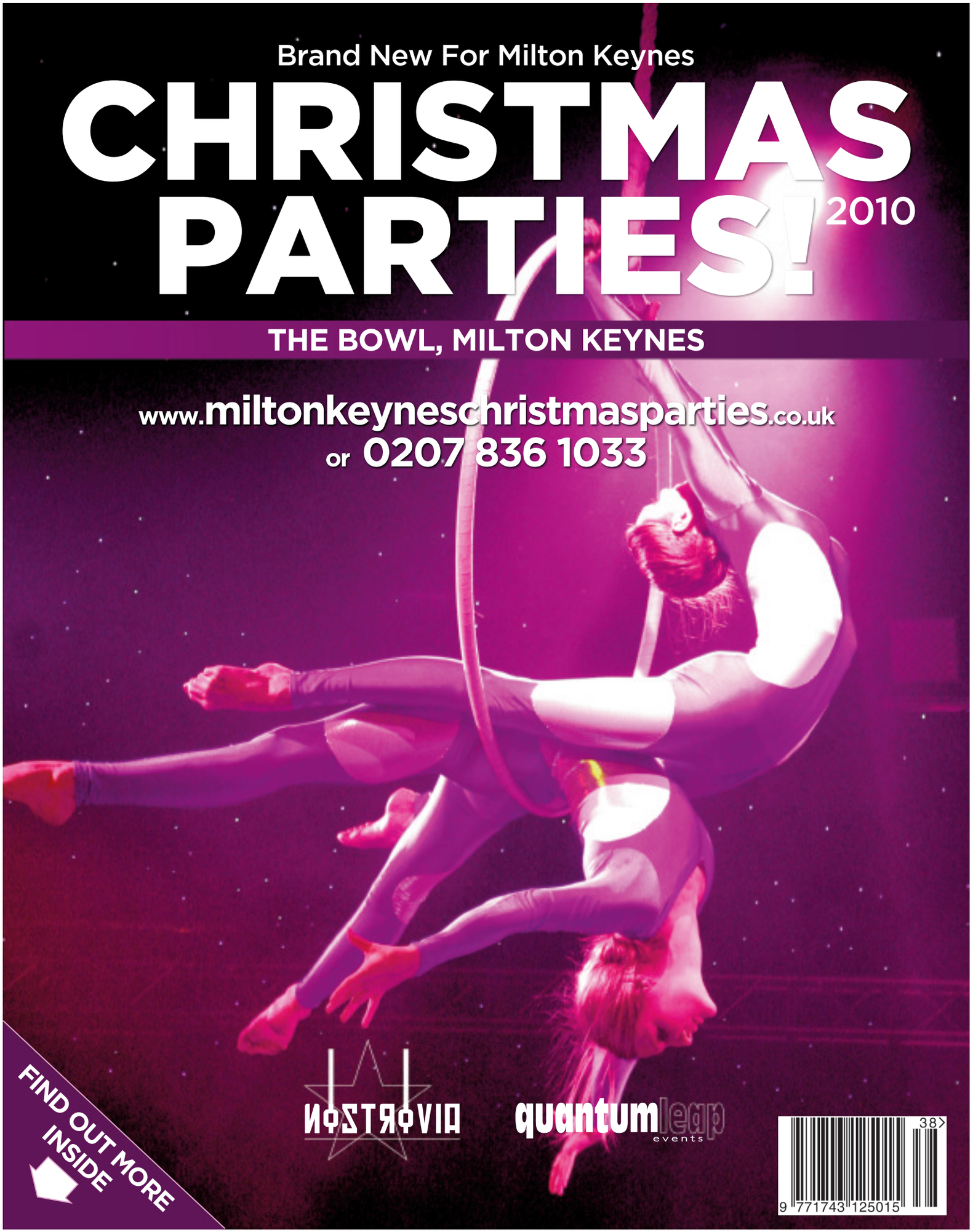
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